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## Torres to USCIS: Address NMI concerns

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**G**ov. Ralph DLG Torres is hoping U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services would address the concerns they raised in past meetings, now that President Donald J. Trump has signed the NMI Workforce Act into law.

That includes the CNMI's health-care sector, after all 111 nurses at the Commonwealth Health Center failed to be included in the visa lottery done by USCIS before the workforce act became law.

Early this year, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. also appealed to USCIS to prioritize the CNMI's healthcare workers in order to not disrupt the services they provide.

Torres said USCIS has yet to release its official guidelines in implementing the new law. "Not yet in

'We must weigh our options on Guam tax'

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The Senate concurred with the House over the weekend on the need to weigh options should the government of Guam pushes through with the plan to tax liquid fuel transshipments.

The Senate concurred with the House in House Joint Resolution 20-12, which urges the 34th Guam Legislature to oppose Guam Bill 257-34, authored by Guam Sen. Telenia C. Nelson (D-GU) and introduced on March 13, 2018. The bill proposes to impose taxes on liquid fuel transshipments through Guam going to other Micronesian Islands, such as the Marshall Islands, the Federated

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details but our Washington [D.C.] office is working hard with them even-  
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## Kilili urges Torres to back legacy worker bill

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is urging Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to support his bill, which would give qualified CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program visa holders a path-



Sablan

way toward U.S. permanent residency.

In a letter dated Aug. 1, 2018, Sablan solicited the support of Torres for his H.R. 6578, which would give permanent CNMI status to long-term workers who have

held CW-1 visas since 2015, with the option to become U.S. permanent residents after five years.

The bill also provides permanent status to E-2C investors who were originally admitted to the Marianas under Commonwealth immigration law.

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### AGRICULTURAL FAIR

Well-fleshed bulls and cows are displayed at the 35th Agricultural Fair last Saturday at the Civic Center in Susupe. The winners in the livestock category will be announced later, according to organizers.

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## Local

## PSS looks to add Codify. CNMI to its curriculum

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The CNMI State Public School System is looking to add the program Codify. CNMI to its curriculum as an elective sometime in the future, to teach public students the basics of computer coding, according to Jackie Quitugua, the acting interim PSS commissioner.

Codify.CNMI is a five-day summer program where public and private school students from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota learn Java Script. They presented their finished works last Thursday at the American Memorial Park indoor auditorium.

Joanie Paraiso (Mt. Carmel School), Edwin Mac-tal (Saipan Southern High School alumnus), Diego Cabrera Jr. (Saipan Southern High School), Edward M. Ayuyu II (SSHS), Omag C. Ali Jr. (Tinian Junior/Senior High School), Angelo S. Lucero (Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High School), Sion S. Calvo (Hopwood Middle School), Gabriel Retardo (Grace Christian Academy), Xue Zhen Qiu (Marianas High School), Monique Mascari-nas (MHS), Nicole Mascari-nas (MHS), Chenoa Bunts-Anderson (MHS alumna), Mohammad Fatin Khan (MHS), Catherine Calma (MHS alumna), Grace Choi (MHS), and Daniel Bae (Marianas Baptist Academy) were the participants of the program.

Quitugua, who is the PSS associate commissioner for instructional services, said they would look at the entire description of the program and the number of hours needed to complete it.

"We're looking at add-

ing it to the curriculum but we'll have to see the number of hours invested in the program. Because you can clearly see that it is something that students had spent so much time in. It is really a learning experience and it is all about teaching kids," Quitugua told *Saipan Tribune*.

She added that her office would handle the program with the help of PSS Science Program coordinator Asap Ogumoro.

"We need to let the community know that our kids, whether in public or private schools, really have the potential. All we need is to give them the opportunity and nurture and support that interest and potential. At the end, it is really about the CNMI and the world," said Quitugua.

She added that the 17 students who completed the program are ready, with Ogumoro communicating with them more.

She also reminded the students to be proud of their work but also be humble. "You'll be bragging about what you know and what you can do, but in our culture we need to be humble. But for something like this we need to brag but not too much but enough to let people know."

Quitugua said that they are also looking to further promote STEP UP, Real Design World Challenge, Dream Green Home, and Mock Trail programs.

"These are five programs [where students] have put in so many instructional hours outside the school. We realize that these are learning opportunities that we need to consider," said Quitugua.



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The Northern Islands are unique, with active volcanoes or seamount islands including Agaña, Agaña, and Agaña.



# CUC opens chlorine storage facility

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. officially unveiled its Bulk Chlorine Storage Facility last Friday, where the agency would store chlorine gas cylinders that are used to treat the CNMI's water system.

CUC executive director Gary Camacho said the project is one way for their agency to take advantage of the support given by funding programs of federal agencies like the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which gave CUC \$1,771,871.56 in grant money to build the facility.

"We utilize those funds to strengthen and harden our water programs. The support from EPA over the years in addressing our water production programs has been wonderful," said Camacho. "And here is another clear example

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JON PEREZ

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seventh left, leads the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Bulk Chlorine Storage Facility of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. last Friday in Lower Base. From left, Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, CUC executive director Gary Camacho, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Rep. Angel Demapan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Water Programs Lead and Construction Grants Project Officer Michael Lee, Rep. Ivan A. Blanco, CNMI House vice speaker Janet U. Maratita, CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, and Office of Insular Affairs field representative Harry Blanco are the others in the photo.

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# Japanese students visit mayor's office

Students of Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai called on Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang last Friday as part of the mayor's office's cultural student exchange program.

A total of 12 Japanese students ranging in age from 9 to 12 years old and two coordinators—Naoko Matsumoto and Yasuyo Ichihara—comprised the group.

The KSKK students and their chaperones arrived on Saipan early Friday and immediately went to the mayor's office where they exchanged pleasantries with Apatang and his staff.

As a symbol of their appreciation on being invited to Saipan, the KSKK students gave Apatang a rice cooker.

The group then went on a tour, visiting the island's top tourist sites such as Banzai Cliff, Suicide Cliff, The Last Command Post, and the American Memorial Park.

Seven host families waited at the mayor's office lobby to pick up the KSKK students. All of them have plans in store for the KSKK students to make their stay on Saipan even more enjoyable. The group leaves tomorrow, Aug. 7. *(Fahim Uddin)*



KSKK students pose with Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang at the Saipan Mayor's Office last Friday noon.

FAHIM UDDIN

## Torres' SOCA finalized for late August

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' delivery of his annual State of

the Commonwealth Address has been finalized in a Senate session Friday. It will now take place on Aug. 21, 2018, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-

Purpose Center at 10am.

The Senate unanimously adopted the new date set forth by the Senate Joint Resolution 20-06 as amended by the

House of Representatives in a previous session last week to reflect the new date.

The Senate concurred with the new date set by the House as members of the House stated that the Senate was aware

of the change from Aug. 16, 2018, to Aug. 21, 2018 as the SOCA date.

According to the CNMI Constitution, the Northern Marianas governor's SOCA is received during a joint session held by both the Senate and the House of Representatives, which in turn discusses a date to hold the joint session.

The Executive Branch follows the date set for the SOCA, which for this year would be on Aug. 21, 2018.

The 2017 Commonwealth address was held at the same venue on March 31, 2017. According to a CNMI Constitutional mandate, the CNMI Legislature sets a joint session to receive the governor's annual address.

The SOCA tackles several topics such as the view of the Executive Branch, the view of the Executive Branch of economics, and reviews of previous accomplishments as well as a discussion for future legislations.

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everyday. What we have done is we put in our concerns based on our past experiences."

"Hopefully, USCIS would incorporate those concerns with the new regulations that will come up," Torres said.

He pointed out that USCIS knows the difficulties the

CNMI has been experiencing. "They also know some of the...difficulties that we've been getting. I hope that would come out in more details, because every situation is different."

"And as much as they [USCIS] wanted to incorporate all of our concerns, they were not able to. But as long as we can address the majority of the concerns, then that is the route

that we are going to go by."

In a separate interview last week, Labor Secretary Vicky I. Benavente said the administration is hoping USCIS would include the department in the processing and approval of CW-1 visa petitions for renewals.

She said the new law, right now, is in the process of being finalized by USCIS. Labor expects USCIS to release

the guidelines—where some changes are also expected—in the next three weeks.

Aside from extending the CW-1 program to 2029, the new law also set a new numerical limit being reduced by 500 from fiscal years 2020 to 2023 and 1,000 from fiscal years 2024 to 2029; there would only be 1,000 slots for foreign workers in the first quarter of fiscal year 2030.

## CUC

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of the type of support given by EPA, which stores the chlorine gas that are used to prepare the water we extracted for production and for use by our consumers."

Michael Lee, U.S. EPA Water Programs Lead and Construction Grants Project Officer, said the facility will protect

CUC's staff in handling and preparing chlorine gas.

"This provides safe storage of chlorine gas cylinders and gives CUC the ability to sustain disinfection of water system to protect the public's health. It protects the chlorine gas cylinders from natural disasters like typhoons," said Lee. "It also allows CUC to recover faster. Once a typhoon happens, [CUC] can bring back drinking water faster to

the community and disinfect it so the people can use it."

The facility would safely store chlorine gas cylinders that CUC personnel will use to distribute it to different water wells. Before, chlorine gas cylinders were kept outside a chain link fence that is exposed to the elements.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres congratulated CUC in completing the facility with funding help from the EPA.

"Congratulations to all of you—from the director and engineers—in prioritizing the project."

"We've been doing groundbreaking and ribbon cutting and this shows, with new facilities like this, that the administration works well with CUC. Now we have a 90-day back up chlorine [gas] to take care of our water issues," said Torres. "We have not had this before."

## TAX

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States of Micronesia, and the CNMI, among others.

During discussions, Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) pointed out that Rota, in particular, would be devastated if taxes on liquid fuel is introduced.

"With our current economic struggle, our people of Rota will be the hardest hit once [Guam] Bill 257-34 is passed by the Guam Legislature," she said.

If the Guam Legislature succeeds, the taxes would ultimately boost the cost of fuel in

the CNMI and other island nations who ship their fuel needs through Guam, being the region's so-called transportation and shipment hub.

Santos noted that members of the Association of the Pacific Islands Legislatures also adopted a resolution urging the Guam Legislature to defeat the bill.

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) said he is also "very concerned" with the implications of imposing a tax on fuel transshipments through Guam.

Imposing taxes would not only affect fuel prices in the NMI but also disturb the econ-

omy of the whole Micronesia region, he said.

"I hope that the [Guam Legislature] reconsiders or rejects the bill," he said.

Palacios noted that, like Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), he believes that the NMI government suing the Guam Legislature over imposing taxes on fuel transshipments is a possible recourse.

"Guam, like any other Legislature, may pass legislation that it feels like passing. This is something that I hope the Guam Legislature would consider that we are one region, even though we are different political entities," he said.

If the Guam bill does get enacted, Palacios predicts a big change in transshipment routes in the region.

"We are exempted from the Jones Act," he noted. "We have been used to Guam being the shipping hub for goods coming from the West Coast and even from Asia to the rest of Micronesia. If these kinds of tariffs are imposed on the rest of Micronesia, we need to take a look at other options whether we really need to transship our goods, including liquid fuel, through Guam or maybe try transshipment through the NMI, Palau, or Pohnpei," he said.

## KILILI

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some 2,350 workers who have been contributing to our economy—and to our community—since 2015. These individuals by and large want to remain in the Marianas and want to continue adding value to our economy," Sablan noted in his letter. "The legislation I have now introduced will make that possible and, as a result, help stabilize our workforce, making the Marianas less dependent on foreign labor."

Torres declined to comment Thursday when asked about the matter, but said he would be issuing a statement soon.

Torres also declined to comment on Sablan's introduction of H.R. 6578, which the delegate noted came two days after the enactment of the NMI U.S. Workforce Act of 2018, which essentially extended the CW-1 program beyond Dec. 31, 2019, and increased the maximum number of foreign workers slots for fiscal year 2019.

Sablan reminded Torres in his letter that during the Section 902 consultations with the Obama administration, the governor as the Special Representative supported Sablan's position of giving permanent status to long-

term workers in the Marianas.

"Now, the Northern Mariana Islands Workforce Stabilization Act [H.R. 6578] continues my pursuit of this goal. I ask you for your official and formal statement of support for my legislation and the policy goal it represents," Sablan wrote to Torres.

Sablan added that he recognizes that within this current U.S. Congress, where Republicans are in the majority, he remains hopeful that with the incoming U.S. Congress in January 2019—which he believes would be majority Democratic—his bill would be entertained.

"In fact, both Rep. Raul Grijalva, who would be chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, and Rep. Zoe Lofgren, who would chair the Subcommittee on Immigration, are co-sponsors of my bill," noted Sablan.

Grijalva represents Arizona while Lofgren represents California, and both are Democrats.

"With the support of these leaders and a new majority in the next Congress, I believe we can pass the Northern Mariana Islands Workforce Stabilization Act and give our long-term workers and investors the permanent status they have deserved," he said.



## Threat of rain fails to dampen Agri Fair

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REPORTER

The threat of a tropical storm didn't deter the public from showing up at the 35th Agricultural Fair last Saturday at the Civic Center in Susupe.

Nearly 300 people graced the event that showcased the best livestock and crops the CNMI ranchers and farmers have to offer.

Joshua Santos, one the coordinators of the Agricultural Fair, said he is happy with the large turnout despite the bad weather.

"We hold this event [every year] in order to show our support for [Saipan farmers and ranchers] and show our love

to them and appreciate their passion for farming and ranching," he said.

The Saipan Agricultural Fair Association, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, and Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension & Educational Services also gave out prizes for the top 3 in the crops category.

First place went to Jesus Guerrero, followed by Florentino Pataganas and William Ada who took second and third places, respectively.

The winners in the livestock category will be announced later, according to the organizers.

The event was also graced by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres,

DLNR Secretary Anthony T. Benevente, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, and 2018 Agricultural Fair chair Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz.

Fernandez said she was surprised to see that people came to the Agricultural Fair despite the threat of the tropical storm, adding that she wishes an even bigger agricultural fair next year.

Aside from plant and livestock exposition, live entertainment was provided by Natibu Band, Northern Stars, Olomwaay Band, Island Showman, Island Warriors, Maggie Naputi's band, Da Kine Band, Guma' Simiyan Manaina-ta, and Tahiti Nui.

## Teachers learn new techniques

The Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools finished their two-day professional development program last Friday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

One of the new learning techniques unveiled was Understand by Design by Saipan International School headmaster Ron Snyder.

"Understand by Design basically shifts the focus from teaching to learning and identifying right away what is learned and what you want to develop that is learned," said Snyder, who handed out a table diagram to further break down the keys to the new

teaching method.

"The first stage of [Understand by Design] is to look at the desired results. Stage two of the [method] is to take those desired results and try to figure out how we assess it. Finally, stage three is to put together the learning plan and what steps do I need to take along the way," he said.

Agape Christian School history teacher Todd Payne said Understand by Design could help him teach better.

"I think it gives us more time to talk to other teachers and what they want our kids to know so they can transfer

that goal to the next grade, whether it's to concentrate on a particular task and what we want to take to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 10<sup>th</sup> grade," he said.

Saipan Community School teacher Sarah Vander Wal said the new teaching method could help prevent gaps in transferring knowledge to students.

Mount Carmel School teacher John Hernandez said the new method could be an effective tool when he goes back to his class.

"For me, Understand by Design is all about knowing where you are going and how the result will remain and how you will engage the student after the result," he said. *(Fahim Uddin)*

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## Meet Lisa:

Lisa Santos is the Breastfeeding Services Counselor for the CNMI WIC Program. She works closely with the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor to make sure that breastfeeding policies are current and evidenced based, that staff get the training they need, and she also sees moms that need a little extra help with breastfeeding issues or complications. Thank you Lisa Santos for helping raise the breastfeeding rates in the CNMI!



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## Case vs mom of defendant charged with sex abuse dismissed

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A Superior Court judge granted Friday the request of the Office of the Attorney General to dismiss without prejudice the case against the mother of a defendant who is charged with sexually abusing a 15-year-old girl.

The OAG may re-file the case against Rose Fernandez in the future but not if some conditions are met: that Fernandez shall not mention, discuss, or reference the ongoing

criminal cases involving the victim to the victim or to any defendants in those cases; that Fernandez shall complete a parenting class at the Division of Youth Services composed of six two-hour sessions.

But as the case is dismissed, the court does not have jurisdiction to monitor the conditions, said Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho.

Camacho vacated the pre-trial conference set for today, Monday, and the jury trial set for Sept. 4, 2018.

The OAG charged Fer-

nandez with child abuse for allegedly talking to the alleged victim.

The OAG also charged the child's mother, Francisca S. Osilek, for allegedly asking the girl to drop the charges. The case against Osilek is pending in court.

Last month, Camacho denied the OAG's motion that requested to reconsider his dismissal of one of two charges filed against the 35-year-old Jeffry Manarang Fernandez. Jeffry Fernandez is the son of Rose Fernandez.

In his May 23 order, Camacho determined that the OAG has overcharged Jeffry Fernandez.

Charging both sexual assault in the first degree and sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree would expose Jeffry Fernandez to multiple punishments for the same offense, said Camacho in an order that granted Fernandez's motion to dismiss the charge of sexual assault in the first degree.

The judge noted that the alleged offenses both arise out of the same alleged act.

## Mother who lied in her daughter's passport application gets 2-year probation sentence

The federal court imposed last Friday a two-year probation sentence on a woman who was indicted for lying in her daughter's U.S. passport application.

Bernieann Taitingfong Rahman was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service and pay a \$100 in special assessment fee.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona waived the mandatory drug testing, saying Rahman poses a low risk of future controlled substance abuse.

Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley had recommended a sentence of three months' imprisonment. He, however, stated that the U.S. government would not object to Rahman serving the sentence via home detention.

The court-appointed counsel for Rahman, Steven Pixley, recommended a sentence of one year probation, saying this is not a serious crime and that Rahman agrees with the U.S. Probation Office's recommendation that she should be sentenced to probation.

Pixley said a sentence of one year probation is both fair and reasonable. He pointed out that Rahman is a 42-year-old mother with no criminal history and has four children.

Pixley said the charges re-

sulted from Rahman's application for a passport for her daughter.

Last March, Rahman pleaded guilty to count 2 of the indictment charging her with false statement after a plea deal.

Rahman applied for U.S. passport for her daughter on July 6, 2017, omitting the name of her daughter's father.

On Aug. 16, 2017, Rahman told Diplomatic Security Service resident agent in charge Marc Weinstock and special agent Joseph Kramer that she did that because, at the time, the only birth certificate she had of her daughter also omitted the father's name.

This was false because Rahman did have a birth certificate for her daughter that had the name of the father.

On Nov. 6, 2017, when confronted with the second birth certificate, Rahman told Diplomatic Security Service agents that the reason she omitted the father's name was because she could not find the second birth certificate and she was in a hurry.

She also stated in a written statement dated Aug. 16, 2017, that the reason she did not obtain the father's signature was because she would have to spend more money.

(Ferdie de la Torre)

## House OKs 6-year nursing scholarships

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The House of Representatives has unanimously passed a Senate measure that creates a nursing scholarship with a six-

year running time.

The House voted during their July 30 session on Capitol Hill to support Senate President Arnold I. Palacios' (R-Saipan) Senate Bill 20-71 after amendments made by the

House Education Committee led by Rep. Edwin Aldan (R-Tinian).

At a June 26, 2018, meeting, the committee extended the running time of the scholarship from five years to six while also lifting the limitation of only three students each

from Rota and Tinian.

S.B. 20-71 creates 20 scholarship slots for students working on a nursing degree at the Northern Marianas College or abroad and provides funds of up to \$8,000 per annum, given that they serve in the CNMI after they graduate. The bill calls for two years of services in public clinics or three years of service in private clinics per year of assistance.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres told *Saipan Tribune* in a previous interview that he is looking forward to enacting legislation that provides financial assistance to students pursuing nursing degrees.

The bill now heads to the Senate for approval or rejection before heading to the governor's desk for enactment.

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## Manibusan, 23 other AGs call for an end to anonymous shell firms

CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan joined a bipartisan group of 24 attorneys general on Friday to urge the leadership of the House Financial Services Committee to advance legislation improving transparency of shell corporations by requiring them to disclose who controls and profits from their activities.

Anonymous shell corporations can be used to obscure participants in financial transactions, and can also allow criminals to launder money without accountability. State law enforcement investigations can stall when the identity of the individuals who control or profit from the companies is hidden.

"This is an important piece of legislation as our region has become a market for investment, notably from Asian countries," said Manibusan. "This provision would prevent individuals from using shell companies to evade responsibility and to convey the importance of making this information available to law enforcement."

The letter to congressional committee chair Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, and ranking member Maxine Waters, D-Calif., co-led by Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson and Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman, stresses not only the importance of transparency, but the necessity of ensuring that state and local law enforcement have access to the information.

According to a report released earlier this year by Polaris, an organization that works to eradicate human trafficking worldwide, current

law in the U.S. allows trafficking operations like illicit massage parlors to hide their beneficial owners, and "flourish in secrecy, shielding traffickers from law enforcement and prosecution." Polaris estimated more than 9,000 parlors operate nationwide, with nearly \$2.5 billion in earnings.

A 2016 report by Washington, D.C.-based consumer group Fair Share details cases where opioid trafficking was connected to shell companies. The report describes drug cartels' use of shell corporations to launder profits by investing in ventures including racehorses in Oklahoma.

In the letter to Congress, the attorneys general write "As you know, state attorneys general are the top law enforcement officers in our respective states," "We are leading efforts to protect residents of our states by addressing the opioid epidemic, combating human trafficking and investigating and prosecuting other crimes."

Without more transparency, however, investigators cannot effectively follow the money to uncover who is benefiting from a shell company's transactions.

Also joining the letter are attorneys general from California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico. (PR)

## High surf, small craft advisories today

A high surf advisory and small craft advisory remain in effect until 6am today, Monday, across the Marianas, according to the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam.

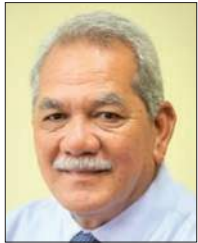
There is a high risk of rip currents through 6am Monday, with hazardous surf of 9 to 11 feet persisting along west facing reefs.

It said that Typhoon Shanshan located northeast of the Marianas will cause monsoon winds and westerly swells across the region for the next couple of days. A large west swell and wind waves generated by a monsoon wind surge will produce hazardous surf and a high risk of rip currents.

Southwest winds of 15 to 20 with gusts as high as 25 knots are expected. Seas could reach 7 to 9 feet. The combination of the wind and seas will maintain hazardous conditions for operators of small craft.

The public is advised to avoid venturing near reef lines and beaches, especially those facing west. Large breaking waves can knock you down and cause serious injuries. Strong rip currents will be life threatening. If you become caught in a rip current, swim parallel to shore and back toward the beach when possible. Do not attempt to swim directly against a rip current.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid sailing in these conditions. (EOC)



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# Workshop opportunity for CNMI artists

The Commonwealth Council of Arts and Culture will be hosting a “Business Development Workshop for Artists”—a 30-hour professional workshop that will begin Aug. 16, and with 10 sessions spanning three months. Participants will meet most weeks on Thursday evening from 5:45pm to 9pm and light refreshments will be available. These meetings will take place at Bridge Capital’s conference room.

“This will be a great opportunity for our artists who practice their art for more than just their

own pleasure and we’re excited to present this workshop series to the art community,” said Parker Yobei, CCAC director.

It’s not uncommon for artists to be passionate about their art. But beyond giving their art to family and friends, there are many who would like the gratification and appreciation coming from others to be in the form of money. But where a formal education in the arts deals with numerous topics, it doesn’t often include an understanding of how to start an art business and

how to run the business side. Thus, the reason for providing this workshop and CCAC will launch other efforts in the future building on this workshop.

The workshop sessions will cover a broad variety of topics, including a four-step process in developing and launching the business-side of a person’s art; the organization and management of the business; marketing your arts effectively; a practical approach to finance including a look at 25 to 30 sources of funds; the “how to’s” of operat-

ing and controlling the business in concert with the artwork being created; and how an artist might plan for growth.

You will gain insight into competitive advantages that will enable you to expand your markets beyond CNMI’s borders. You will learn how to think like an entrepreneur and see the number of your potential customers increase.

The workshop leader will be Gary Liddle, who has lived on Saipan for 10 years, but began his business career 64 years ago

in California. Liddle himself is also an artist, in ceramic artwork and as an artistic blacksmith.

Any artist in the CNMI can apply to participate. To get an application, stop by the CCAC front desk on Capital Hill, Bridge Capital’s front desk, or

the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. Due date for returning a completed application is before 3pm on Aug. 10.

Questions? Contact CCAC at 322-9982 or Liddle at 989-4400 or [liddlega@yahoo.com](mailto:liddlega@yahoo.com). **(PR)**

# Nominations being accepted for Bridge of Light Award

The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is now accepting nominations for the 2018 Bridge of Light Award, given to honor the accomplishments and sacrifices of one extraordinary individual who has worked diligently to provide safety for the community, to work to end domestic violence and sexual assault, and to be a “Bridge of Light” for victims and survivors in the CNMI.

The nominee may be a service provider, representative, or volunteer at one or more agencies, organizations or offices in the CNMI, and who has been there for a minimum of one year. The nominee must also show dedication and effort in the areas of leadership,

service, advocacy for victims, prevention, community education or mobilization, and resource development.

Those eligible to submit nominations include a member, representative, and/or volunteer of NMCADSV and/or the Family Violence Task Force; a victim or survivor; or an employee, representative, and/or volunteer at eligible CNMI agencies, organizations, or offices.

To verify if an agency, organization, or office is eligible, contact NMCADSV at (670) 234-3878 or email [Angelyn N. Palacios](mailto:Angelyn.N.Palacios@endviolencenmi.org) at [angelyn@endviolencenmi.org](mailto:angelyn@endviolencenmi.org).

To submit nominations, forms may be submitted online through <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B8MHH9N>


or hard copies may be submitted to the NMCADSV office in Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai next to New XO Market during hours of operation (Monday through Friday, 9am to 3pm). Nomination forms are also available for pick up at the NMCADSV office, or may be emailed upon request through [angelyn@endviolencenmi.org](mailto:angelyn@endviolencenmi.org).

The deadline to submit completed nomination forms is 5pm on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

Note that nominees will be considered for the 2018 Bridge of Light Award based only on information reflected on the completed nomination form. Therefore, those submitting nomination forms are strongly encouraged to be detailed and thorough.

The recipient of the 2018 Bridge of Light Award will be announced during the upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation Signing Ceremony in October. Past recipients include Department of Public Safety’s Officer Flora Aguon, Karidat Social Services’ Executive Director Lauri B. Ogumoro, Division of Youth Services Social Worker Mildred W. Sikebert, Karidat Social Services’ Counselor Elaine C. Dela Cruz, and most recently, Ayuda Network Inc.’s executive director Diana Camacho.

For additional information or inquiries, contact the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence at (670) 234-3878 or email [info@endviolencenmi.org](mailto:info@endviolencenmi.org). **(PR)**

 **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

### GTC Elementary School info

The Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School will have an open house/orientation on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, for new and ongoing GTC students and parents, from 5pm to 6pm, at the school cafeteria, then at the child’s classroom. This will allow parents to meet with your child’s teacher and gain information about expectations for the school year.

Also, the school is still accepting registrations for new and ongoing students. If you have yet to register your child, do so as soon as possible to ensure your child is placed on the school roster prior to the first day of school. The first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 15.

For more information, contact the GTC main office at 664-3400/01 or visit its Facebook page at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School. **(PR)**

### Military training at FDM, Warning Area 517 ASAN, Guam—The U.S.

military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla today, Aug. 6, and on Aug. 8, and 10, from 11am to 2pm. The U.S. military will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Aug. 7, from 7pm to 9:30pm.

It is recommended the general public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40’ 00”N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Banks are open for public use. **(PR)**

### SSHS students, parents’ orientation

Saipan Southern High School will have its school year 2018-2019 orientation for students and parents on Aug. 7. For 9th graders and new students, it will be at 9am; all returning students will be at 1:30pm. **(PR)**



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

### COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Re-Announcement # JVA18-30

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will monitor and supervise participants of the CNMI Drug Court by: (1) ensuring public safety; (2) deterring non-compliant behavior; (3) providing accountability in treatment programs; (4) supporting participants’ progress; (5) detecting and providing early intervention; and (6) extending the treatment into the law enforcement community. The Compliance Officer will work directly with individuals who have substance abuse addictions and will report to the Community Supervision Officer as the direct supervisor, Drug Court Manager, and court regarding participant compliance in the program. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provides assistance to the Drug Court Manager in monitoring participants;
- Performs all assigned duties relating to cases scheduled for Drug Court hearings;
- Gathers and evaluates data pertinent to individual drug court cases from resource areas including, as necessary, participants’ home, school, church, social agencies, neighborhood contacts, etc;
- Contacts public and private community resources to secure services for participants. Maintains continuing and ongoing relationships with the agencies as necessary;
- Coordinates enforcement of Drug Court orders, including curfews and home detention with law enforcement officers designated to Drug Court;
- Maintains contact with local law enforcement agencies, Drug Court Judge, Office of the Public Defender, Office of the Attorney General, employers, local social service agencies, schools, and others;
- Coordinates investigations in preparation of court-ordered reports staffing and hearings.
- Maintains case records and statistical data for evaluation purposes and for submission to the Drug Court Manager;
- Attends and participates in Drug Court staffings and hearings;
- Attends public relations activities such as community group meetings, conferences, panel discussions, and other related forums;
- Follows policies for monitoring court-ordered payments, such as restitution, fines, and child support payments;
- Works closely with Drug Court caseworkers to support case management, coordination of services, and monitoring;
- Conducts gender-specific drug testing in accordance with the CNMI Drug Court protocols;
- Exercises good judgment in stressful situations
- Proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel and knowledgeable about the use of data systems.
- Complies with applicable local and federal laws, including the Special Act for Firearms Enforcement (SAFE), and court rules and policies; and
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must have a valid driver’s license and a high school diploma or equivalent. Must also satisfy one of the following: (1) associate’s degree from a nationally accredited college or university in Criminal Justice or related field, plus at least two years experience as a law enforcement officer; OR (2) four years experience as a law enforcement officer. Military experience may be considered; successful candidates with only military background must complete additional law enforcement training during the probationary period.

Report writing skills and case management experience would be preferred. Criminal background check will be conducted. Applicants with criminal records will not be considered.

Candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid drivers’ license and operate a court vehicle. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary range will be \$25,000 - \$28,000 annually.

**INTERESTED PERSONS** may obtain application forms at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

### COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OFFICER

Re-Announcement # JVA18-31

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will actively monitors Drug Court participants outside of the Drug Court setting by conducting home and job visits. All client contact and visitations are documented to help encourage positive participant behavior. The Community Supervision Officer will work under the Drug Court Manager to monitor and supervise participants by: (1) ensuring public safety; (2) deterring non-compliant behavior; (3) providing accountability in treatment programs; (4) supporting participants’ progress; (5) detecting and providing early intervention; and (7) extending the treatment into the law enforcement community.

The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Ensures random drug testing and community supervision practices are in accordance with Drug Court policies and procedures;
- Performs all assigned duties relating to cases scheduled for drug court hearings;
- Coordinates criminal background checks for drug court participants;
- Gathers and evaluates data pertinent to individual cases from resource areas like the participants’ home, school, church, social agencies, neighborhood contacts, etc.
- Documents facts with respect to the drug court participants’ activities, behavior, and quality of adjustment while on supervision;
- Reports investigative findings and prepares recommendations for the proper case disposition;
- Appears in drug court hearings with the ability to provide testimony on drug court cases;
- Provides periodic interviews of participants to determine effectiveness of Drug Court mandates, supervision, counseling, etc.
- Maintains ongoing relationship with participants throughout the duration of the program;
- Follows policies for monitoring court-ordered payments, such as restitution, fines, and child support payments;
- Plans office activities, conferences and field visits in connection with investigation and supervision functions;
- Maintains accurate, neat, legible and up to date case records in the prescribed form;
- Attends public relations activities such as community group meetings, conference, panel discussions, and other related forums;
- Responsible for and conducts gender-specific, observed drug testing in accordance with CNMI Drug Court protocols;
- Assesses and reviews supervision and drug testing protocols and terms and conditions of supervision regularly to ensure they are still effective for the target populations;
- Complies with applicable local and federal laws, including the Special Act for Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) and court rules and policies; and
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must have a valid driver’s license and a high school diploma or equivalent. Must also satisfy one of the following: (1) bachelor’s degree from a nationally accredited college or university in Criminal Justice or a related field, plus at least six months experience as a law enforcement officer; or (2) six years experience as a law enforcement officer. Military experience may be considered; successful candidates with only military background must complete additional law enforcement training during the probationary period.

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Applicants must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary range will be \$28,000 - \$30,000 per annum.

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# Make-a-Wish hosts donor appreciation mixer

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam and CNMI hosted the 2nd Annual CNMI Donor Appreciation Mixer last Aug. 2 at Fiesta Resort and Spa's Chambre Bar to honor the top donors for 2017 as well as invite Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. physicians to refer potential "wish kids" to the foundation.

The foundation, one of the world's leading children's charities, grants a wish of a child with debilitating illness. It calls its beneficiaries "wish kids."

CNMI board members Wendi Herring and Kanae Quinn, along with foundation president/CEO Eric Tydingco, hosted the mixer last Aug. 2. Sponsors of the event were Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Saipan Brewing Co., and R&J Wine Liquor & Tobacco.

The Make-A-Wish Foun-

ation of Guam and CNMI's top 18 donors in 2017 were (Diamond) Bank of Guam, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Triple J Enterprises; (Gold) DFS Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Imperial Pacific International, *Marianas Variety*, Naked Fish Bar & Grill, and The Shack; (Silver) Bank of Saipan, BFI Corp., Bridge Capital LLC, Docomo Pacific, Gold's Gym Saipan, JC Tenoerio Enterprises, MarPac, McDonald's, and TakeCare.

All funds raised in the Guam and CNMI stay in the region to assist "wish kids" here. Upcoming events include the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala at the Hyatt Regency Guam on Aug. 25, 2018, Commonwealth Cancer Association's 5KM Fun Run and Bike for a Cure on Sept. 1, 2018, and the 2018 Wish Night on Nov. 9, 2018.

The foundation's mission is "Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses."

Founded in 1980 when a group of caring volunteers helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer, the foundation has 64 chapters in the United States and its territories.

With the help of donors and nearly 30,000 volunteers, the foundation grants a wish every 32 minutes and has granted more than 250,000 wishes in the United States since its inception.

For more information, visit [guam.wish.org](http://guam.wish.org). Anyone in our community can refer a family whose child may be eligible. Contact the foundation through (670) 483-9474(WISH) or [cnmiwish@gmail.com](mailto:cnmiwish@gmail.com). (PR)



Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam and CNMI board members Wendi Herring, right, and Kanae Quinn, left, honors Naked Fish Bar & Grill as a gold level donor during the foundation's 2nd Annual CNMI Donor Appreciation Mixer last Aug. 2 at Fiesta Resort and Spa's Chambre Bar.

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Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam and CNMI board members Wendi Herring, right, and Kanae Quinn, left, honors DFS Saipan as a gold level donor in 2017 during the foundation's 2nd Annual CNMI Donor Appreciation Mixer last Aug. 2 at Fiesta Resort and Spa's Chambre Bar.

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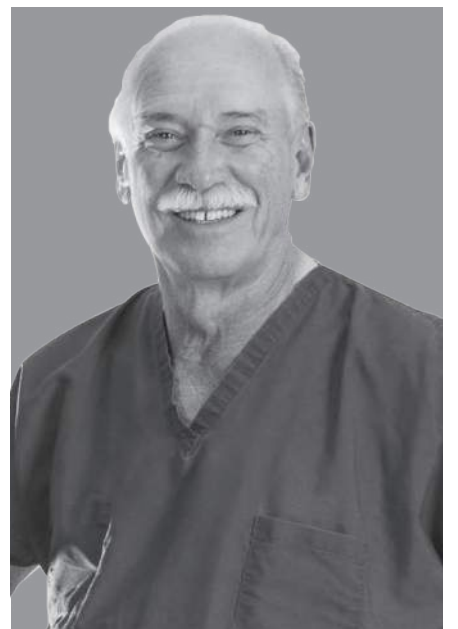
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## Separating families at the border is beneath the dignity of this great democracy

By **JORGE PIEDRA**  
MIAMI HERALD

Our country has been consumed with reports about the separation of children from their families at the nation's border. Children, as young as toddlers — and even babies — were separated from their parents because of the so-called “zero tolerance” illegal-immigration policy enacted by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The controversy over this policy transcended legal and political circles. Everyone has followed this story, for most everyone can empathize with the anguish of being forcibly torn from a son or daughter or from a mother or father. Politics aside, as Americans we were justifiably alarmed. It appeared that our country had failed to adhere to its paramount standards of decency and morality.

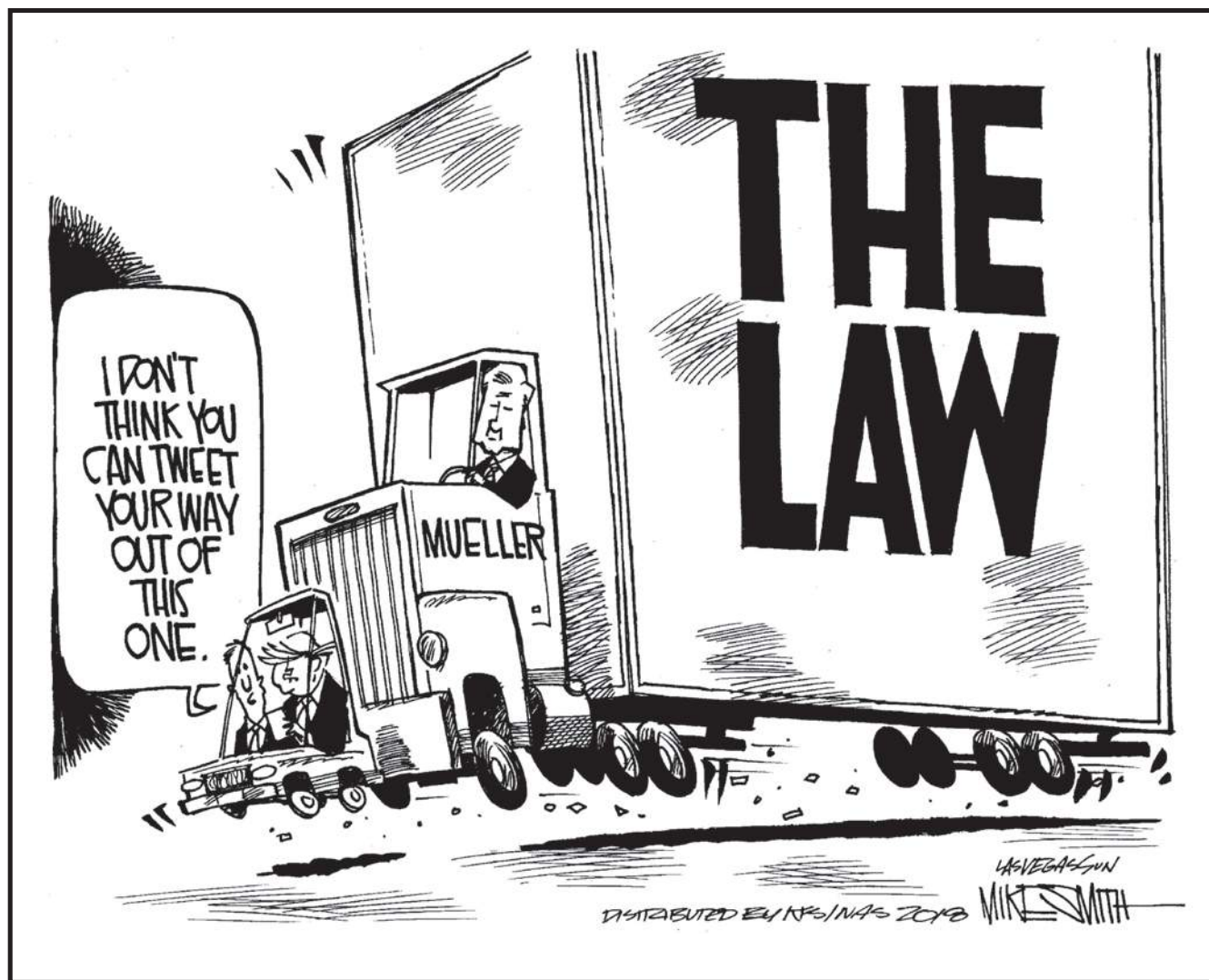
This is an especially sensitive matter for the Cuban-American community, which had so many of its sons and daughters emigrate to the United States as unaccompanied minors. Our community knows firsthand the lasting emotional scars that can result from even a temporary separation from one's family. We lived it—and still do.

And, though the circumstances are different, we sought asylum in the United States for reasons similar to those families crossing the border now: we wanted a better life for our families. In the end, the public outcry against the administration's policy was overwhelming, and our democracy worked. President Donald Trump signed an executive order requiring that parents who are prosecuted for illegal entry be held with their children.

But it is not enough. It can be rescinded, by this administration or a future one. There is too much at stake here to allow that. A permanent solution is needed. We therefore call on Congress to enact legislation ensuring that this will not happen again, that our government will not divide families as a means to penalize and deter those whose try to emigrate to this country in search of a better life—even if they have violated the law in doing so.

This is not a political message on the issue of general immigration policy or a condemnation of government efforts to enforce immigration laws. To be sure, the government is within its authority to prosecute those entering the United States illegally. It is a valid enforcement approach, setting aside political considerations as to whether our underlying immigration policies should be overhauled. It is not valid, however, to tear families apart in these situations. It is immoral—beneath the dignity of this great democracy.

*Jorge Piedra is president of the Cuban American Bar Association and managing partner of Piedra & Associates. This statement was written on behalf of CABA's board of directors.*



## American women are having too many c-sections, at too much risk

By **JACQUELINE H. WOLF**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

In 1976, a young first-time mother entered the hospital in spontaneous labor. She had not missed any prenatal visits, those visits had revealed no abnormalities, her pregnancy was full term, and she carried one fetus positioned head-first. In other words, hers was a prototypical low-risk pregnancy. She felt great. Then a physician ruptured her amniotic sac, hastening labor.

“I went from feeling nothing to being totally in excruciating pain,” she told me years later.

A nurse attached her to what was then a relatively new device—an electronic fetal monitor. Physicians reviewed the monitor strip and told the mother she had to make a decision, and fast. “They said either that I would die, or my baby would die, or both of us would die, if I didn’t have a cesarean. They said her heart was in distress.”

At about 10.5 percent of births, cesareans were far less common in the United States in 1976 than they are today, when almost one in three births is by cesarean section. The steepest increase in the surgery occurred between 1965 and 1987, when cesareans rose 455 percent—from 4.5 percent to 25 percent of births. Doctors have long debated which factors contributed to that precipitous rise. Was it the malpractice climate? Changes in the training of obstetricians? An epidemic of maternal obesity? Women delaying childbearing? Or perhaps the culture of scheduled, “hurry-up” births? Almost always missing from the list is the effect of the electronic fetal monitor on obstetricians’ decision-making. As the mother learned in 1976, the monitor increased the likelihood that a physician would tell a laboring woman that she needed a cesarean section.

Although used routinely by American hospitals today, the electronic fetal monitor has a fraught history. The device first appeared in some hospitals in 1969. The value of the technology seemed so obvious that no one tested it for efficacy before its release. Most obstetricians were certain that continually monitoring the fetal heartbeat during labor would help ensure good outcomes by immediately alerting doctors to fetal distress. A timely cesarean could follow. Physicians predicted that the monitor would reduce by half fetal deaths during labor, “mental retarda-

tion” and cerebral palsy.

In fact, perinatal mortality did decrease. However, public health officials pointed out that hospitals not employing monitors were seeing the same effect thanks to a revolution in pediatrics that paralleled the use of the fetal monitor. New subspecialties of neonatology and perinatology had improved prenatal care, maternal nutrition and newborn care.

Most obstetricians nevertheless continued to believe that the electronic fetal monitor deserved most of credit for the improvement in infant health. By 1976, American doctors were so bullish on the monitor that they employed it in half of all hospital births. An even greater tip-off that the monitor would become a linchpin of maternity care was a 1976 survey indicating that all but one of the country's obstetric residency programs employed the technology.

In 1976, researchers also performed the first randomized, controlled trial of the device. Before the advent of the monitor, physicians checked the fetal heart rate with a special stethoscope every 30 minutes or so during labor. The 1976 trial assigned the use of the monitor to one group of laboring women and the “fetoscope” to the other group.

According to the study, the monitor didn’t change outcomes. Apgar scores, rates of neurological disability, admissions to neonatal intensive care units, stillbirths and neonatal and perinatal deaths were effectively identical in both groups. The sole difference was that 16.5 percent of the electronically monitored women gave birth by cesarean, and only 6.8 percent of the intermittently fetoscoped mothers did. Subsequent studies saw similar results.

Under the perpetual gaze of the machine, fetal distress, once an infrequent diagnosis, had become commonplace. Edward Hon, the Yale University obstetrician who invented the monitor, complained that colleagues across the country were “dropping the knife with each drop in the fetal heart rate.” Before electronic monitoring, no one had continually observed the fetal heartbeat throughout labor, and its accelerations and decelerations in response to contractions were perplexing. Misinterpretations were common. Hospitals were seeing false positive rates for fetal hypoxia (lack of oxygen) of 40 percent. And doctors responded by erring on the side of caution, performing emergency cesareans.

Physicians, mothers and health insurers have good reason

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## A pastoral letter: Preparing for the November 2018 elections

**D**ear brothers and sisters in Christ, The heart of Christian discipleship is living out the commandment of love. Love is manifest not only in our single-minded devotion to the Lord but even more so in the actions that flow from our love of neighbor. Such love is realized in the practical charity of individual good works that we perform for the least of our sisters and brothers (Matthew 25:34-46). That love is realized in our pursuit of justice for the weak and vulnerable among us as a Christian community. Our pursuit of justice is integral with our mission as a church in which Christ compels us to “go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation (Mark 16:15). A guide called “*Faithful Citizenship*” published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops underlines these thoughts.

There are many challenges that humanity faces which have moral consequences. These challenges are at the heart of public life and the center of the pursuit of the common good (*Faithful Citizenship*, No. 2). The Church has an obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society. The Church does not support or oppose specific political parties or candidates for office. However, the Church does have an obligation to instruct the faithful on the basic principles to consider when making choices that would have moral implications for society.

In a democracy such as the Northern Mariana Islands, the people have the right to choose their government leaders. Our leaders, in turn, have the obligation to carry out their duties and responsibilities in accordance with the Constitution and duly

enacted laws. When they do not do so, we hold them accountable. As Christians, we expect our leaders to also adhere to moral principles that further the best interest of the community. The electoral process at every election is the means by which we the voters decide whether we are satisfied with the performance of our leaders in office. This is the way democracy works. And this is the reason why the right to vote is so important.

As Christians, we choose as our leaders those individuals who will advance policies and legislation that do not contradict our faith and morals. This requires us, as voters, to have a well-informed conscience in choosing the individuals who will govern us wisely.

The November 2018 elections will be held in three months. The results of these elections can profoundly shape life in the CNMI for years to come. As individual voters and political candidates, as well as a community of disciples, we share a grave responsibility for the future we are shaping through our choices in the voting booth, and for those who are elected, in their respective offices. As your bishop, I urge you to take this responsibility with great seriousness. Don't allow divisive politics, ideology, or even family ties to sway your decision in the months ahead. Rather, apply the basic moral principles of our faith to the unfolding political process, so that our political leadership will reflect the best of our community and adhere to fundamental moral principles.

The Church urges each of the faithful to carefully discern the issues affecting our community and to use your conscience in

**By RYAN P. JIMENEZ**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



*Most Rev. Ryan P. Jimenez, DD, is the bishop of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa. In a note that accompanied the letter, Jimenez said that members of the church's Social Justice Commission “has identified the upcoming elections as a priority on social justice issues that we need to address as mandated in our pastoral plan.”*

examining these issues. We should always remember that, as Christians, we must adhere to the basic moral principles of the Church that enhance the good of everyone in our community. Toward this goal, we will explore Catholic social teaching in the pages of the *North Star* between now and November. As part of our pastoral plan that we implemented this year, the Social Justice Commission will feature articles on this topic in the *North Star*. Please make use of these resources in shaping your decision in November and in your support for or opposition to various proposals in the months and years that follow. Be engaged in the political process. Allow your faith to guide and enlighten your political engagement.

Finally, I invite all of us to pray. Let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Questions for the election commission

The Commonwealth Election Commission administrative officer recently announced that there are now 1,707 voters registered to participate in this year's election in the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan, and she is expecting more. This is a truly amazing number, in light of the total collapse of Tinian's economy. It is doubtful that there are 1,707 U.S. citizens on Tinian. It is now likely true that there are more cows on Tinian than votes.

To prevent post-election lawsuits, could we request a little transparency from the Commonwealth Election Commission?

What law are they now using to identify who is qualified to vote in the CNMI election? What are the basic qualifications?

When the CEC travelled to Guam and the U.S. mainland to register voters, which elected officials travelled with them, or met them there?

Can you tell us which candidates are bringing in voters, as stated in the same article?

When the final registration is complete on Sept. 7 and the voter registration list becomes available, how will concerned citizens challenge the votes of people who may not be eligible?

Of course, we expect absentee ballots from students who are attending college full time off-island, or our patriotic citizens who are serving the nation elsewhere. However, we want to make sure that their sacred right to vote is not diluted by illegal votes.

Most of all, it is important to ensure that the choice of leadership for our island is made by local residents who have lived through the last four years of decline and appreciate Tinian's poor financial condition.

**Don A. Farrell**

Marpo Heights, Tinian

## Seized monies belong to CNMI

I will be the first to thank the feds for catching “ice” dealers and I truly appreciate their work but I am writing this to respectfully ask the feds to reconsider their request to claim monies seized in the CNMI. I'm not contesting their right to ask for the money since they were the ones who caught the drug dealer and seized

the money but that money is more like a “reward” to the feds for simply doing their job that they already have a budget for. I am saying the money seized actually came from the junkies of the CNMI who had preyed on other CNMI citizens to get the monies to pay for their “ice.” All of that money seized came from some of the poorest people in the CNMI and from criminal schemes, robberies, and theft against people and businesses in the CNMI.

The feds should seriously think about donating that money to help “victims of ‘ice’ crimes like the spouses and children of ice addicts, the drug court and the social and educational support services” who are fighting the “ice” epidemic in the CNMI.

Prevention is the best cure for this epidemic of “ice” use, not locking people up after they have already become addicted. Education is the “undisputed champion of social reforms” and has been the most important factor for improving society. The more people learn, know, and understand a phenomenon, the better off our human species become. We only need to reflect on how each new generation makes leaps of improvements. Heck, we finally learned the truth about marijuana and how it is helpful and not harmful, unlike the adverse vices of alcohol and tobacco. We are finally learning how to live with marijuana instead of locking people up.

Millions upon millions of drug money is being seized in the U.S. mainland every year. But instead of putting the money back in poverty-stricken areas from where most of that money came from, law enforcement and the feds gobble it all up. Create jobs so people won't have to deal drugs just to make ends meet and social programs for prevention. This phenomenon of the feds taking the money is not a new thing but a “tradition” that really needs to change because the true challenge is prevention, not locking users up who get caught after they are hooked. We can never catch them all but we can bombard society with so much education and support that we can reach all the present and potential users of “ice.” Guam is now dealing with cocaine and “ice” and we are just a stone's throw away, so the challenge is only going to increase. I'm praying heroin doesn't show up; it is the worst of all.

I was so glad when they seized that “ice” that was worth over \$4 million because the CNMI community was going to pay for every bit of it! If the feds truly need the money I can understand their request but I am hopeful they will reconsider putting the money back into the source from which it came—the CNMI community.

If the feds had all the right to the money, they wouldn't ask the Drug Court so I think it would be very prudent in the future for our Drug Court to challenge (or) ask for the forfeited money so they can use it to disburse to victims like single parents, education institutions, support programs and services, and all related non-government organizations.

**Ambrose M. Bennett**

Kagman, Saipan

## Thank you

This is a *dangkulo na si yuos maase* to the hardworking staff of the Saipan Mayor's Office for cleaning the roadsides in our neighborhood in Sadog Tasi last week. Thanks to your hard work, our neighborhood looks much cleaner. Great job, guys!

**Lupe Borja-Robinson**

Sadog Tasi, Saipan

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to be concerned about this phenomenon. A cesarean section is major abdominal surgery and comes with its attendant risks: infection, hemorrhage and potentially fatal placental anomalies in subsequent pregnancies caused by a scarred uterus. Surgical birth comes with risks for newborns too. The lungs of all fetuses are filled with amniotic fluid in utero, the trip through the birth canal squeezes out that fluid. Babies delivered by cesarean section, on the other hand, are born with wet lungs, making them more likely than their vaginally born counterparts to spend time in the neonatal intensive care unit and to suffer from asthma.






Although a cesarean section can be necessary and even life-saving, the World Health Organization advises that the optimal cesarean rate is between 10 percent and 15 percent of births. A rate higher than 10 percent is not associated with improved maternal or neonatal outcomes, and a rate over 15 percent does more harm than good. In other words, most cesareans performed in the United States today are unnecessary and therefore unjustifiably risky.

Obstetricians trained since the 1980s have no memory of maternity floors before the fetal monitor. Although their professional organization, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, has issued periodic bulletins since 1979 advising that the fetal monitor does not appear to be useful in low-risk pregnancies, that interpreting monitor strips correctly “is not an easy matter,” and that universal reliance on the monitor has led to an unnecessary increase in cesareans, the monitor remains in near-universal use in American hospitals even for low-risk births. Covered California has set a cesarean rate target of 23.9 percent of low-risk births for the hospitals in its networks. One way to achieve that target is to bring back the fetal stethoscope and limit electronic fetal monitoring to high-risk pregnancies.

*Jacqueline H. Wolf, professor of the history of medicine at Ohio University, is the author of Cesarean Section: An American History of Risk, Technology, and Consequence.*



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN				
TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

Typhoon Shanshan is about 550 miles from Saipan and over 600 miles from Guam and continues to move away from the region. Latest radar shows showers around the area, but the current forecast has isolated showers today and while southwest wind is expected to continue it should be lower today and even less tonight. There will still be decent moisture through midweek, before some mi-level drying moves in toward the end of the week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an up-dated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	84° / 75°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	84° / 75°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	61° / 52°
Beijing	Sunny	91° / 75°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	90° / 82°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 76°
London	Mostly Sunny	84° / 63°
Los Angeles	Sunny	91° / 71°
Manila	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°
Melbourne	Showers	55° / 48°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	86° / 79°
New York	Partly Cloudy	88° / 76°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	93° / 79°
Paris	Sunny	91° / 68°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	88° / 79°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	90° / 73°
Salem	Thunderstorms	91° / 71°
San Francisco	Sunny	67° / 54°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	93° / 79°
Tokyo	Showers	86° / 73°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	91° / 76°



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
01:40 AM	HIGH TIDE		1.86
09:00 AM	LOW TIDE		0.17
3:42 PM	HIGH TIDE		1.49
8:41 PM	LOW TIDE		1.01

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:00 AM	6:45 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:44 PM
Wednesday	6:00 AM	6:44 PM
Thursday	6:01 AM	6:43 PM
Friday	6:01 AM	6:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:36 AM	1:35 PM	-
Tuesday	1:26 AM	2:35 PM	-
Wednesday	2:20 AM	3:36 PM	-
Thursday	3:20 AM	4:39 PM	-
Friday	4:23 AM	5:40 PM	-

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UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily	UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1	JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4	JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN	UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
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				UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA			
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1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily

1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily



The Marianas Visitors Authority has launched a newly designed English website at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com). The new site is more user-friendly

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Have a wonderful birthday to our dear Cheng Zingapan! We wish you all the happiness in life. Keep being healthy and may you have more birthdays to come. Greetings come from Anniea, Joshua, and the Alvarez family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



To the most handsome, sweet and loving karate kid ever, happy 11th birthday, James! We love you very much and are so proud of you, anak. Greetings come from Daddy, Mommy, and Colin.

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# MVA launches new English website

and features new images from the MVA's growing library of photographs and images captured by visiting media.

"We're pleased to announce the launch of our new English website, featuring new, stunning images of the Marianas and updated content on the destination," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "The website targets both English-speaking visitors, such as those from Guam or U.S., who plan to visit the Marianas. At the same time, we offer features for our local population, such as a new community calendar of events, reports, job vacancies, and more. We invite everyone to bookmark [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com) today to use or share."

For the first time, the new website also features the Northern Islands on its homepage, in recognition of the islands' small but incremental growth as a destination for FIT travelers.

"The MVA website aims to keep the community and its members up-to-date with events and information. We have enhanced our members' portal to include exclusive reports only available to our members. Visitors can download and access our is-



The Marianas Visitors Authority launched its new website at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com) on Aug 1, 2018.

MVA

land maps, Official Marianas Guide Certification, Beautify My Marianas, and much more," said MVA marketing manager Broc Calvo.

The website includes information on accommodations, activities, historic and scenic sites. Other information on the site includes a list of MVA members, job vacancy announcements and procurement announcements, news and reports, and the Marianas Calendar, the first comprehensive on-line calendar of public events in the islands based on user-generated con-

tent. Content may now be found more easily within the website via a search function

on the homepage.

The MVA also operates other language-specific

websites in Korea, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Russia. (*MVA*)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Group Health & Life Insurance Trust Fund would like to announce that Pacifica Insurance, general agent for Aetna International will be available for health insurance open enrollment at the following locations, dates and times:

- **Rota, Mayor's Office:** August 6 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
August 7 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am and 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- **Tinian, Mayor's Office:**  
August 8 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am and 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- **Saipan, Multi-purpose Center:**  
August 9 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

For questions please contact the Group Health & Life Insurance Trust Fund at 670-664-1100.



### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) RFP18-OPA-01

SUBMISSION DATE: August 7, 2018 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

### "SINGLE AUDIT OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 and 2019"

THE AUDIT GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, LOCATED AT 1236 YAP DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS (MONDAY – FRIDAY, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM, CLOSED ON HOLIDAYS).

INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO MR. DAVID BLAKE, OPA AUDIT MANAGER, AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS (670) 322-6481/2 OR BY FACSIMILE TO (670) 322-7812.

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI OPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC § 130-30-725 AND § 130-30-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR (OPA) RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE OPA. ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE OPA AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE PROPOSERS.

/S/ MICHAEL PAI, CPA  
PUBLIC AUDITOR

/S/ MICHELLE A. CAMACHO  
PROCUREMENT OFFICER



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-019

##### Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply, install, integrate and commission (including without limitation all design, engineering, supervision, installation, testing, commissioning, training and handover) of (2) two complete new engine systems. Proposers must note that replacement of Engine No. 8 is the base proposal while the replacement of Engine No. 4 is an additive proposal. Each replacement Diesel Generating Plant shall be within a capacity range of 8 - 13 MW which must be supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned as an integrated system at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks proposals from a legally recognized business entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has as one or more of its equity owners (principals) a qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM), from which CUC intends to contract with to purchase one, and perhaps two, fully installed and commissioned turn-key engine systems that best fit CUC's power supply requirements. The Proposer must be authorized as OEM's agent to bind OEM to contractual terms including issuance of OEM's equipment warranty and certifying the installation of the works anticipated under this RFP meet OEM specifications, the Proposal, and meet or exceed all warranty requirements.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **July 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Power Plant facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-18-019 – Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* equal to fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposed price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due in whole or in part to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under any anticipated contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including without limitation any and all excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page:

<https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

This RFP solicits services regulated by the Commonwealth's Board of Professional Licensing (BPL). All bidders shall possess Certificate of Authority from the BPL as contemplated in and required by NMI ss 125-20.1-501 which provides in part that any corporation or partnership "Firm," whether organized under the Law of the CNMI or other jurisdiction, hereafter offering to engage or engaging in the practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture in the Commonwealth must have a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Board. All firms must have a valid Certificate of Authorization before advertising to offer or offer professional engineering, architectural, land surveying, or landscape architectural services in the CNMI. All bids submitted shall be accompanied by a certificate of authority in the name of the OEM submitting the bid.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Christopher Timmons, Assistant Attorney General, via email address [christopher\\_timmons@cnmioag.org](mailto:christopher_timmons@cnmioag.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE  
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.  
Purchasing Administrator



# Manibusan, NI Mayor Santos file candidacies

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Edward Eladio Manibusan, the CNMI's first elected attorney general, has filed his candidacy to seek another term, while incumbent Northern Islands Mayor Vicente Cruz Santos Jr. also submitted his petition as an independent candidate for the mayoral seat.

Incumbent Rep. Edmund Sablan Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) filed his candidacy as an independent bet for Precinct 3 of the House of Representatives on Saturday, while Richard Tudela Lizama submitted his nomination on Thursday for House Precinct 5.

Precinct 3 covers Oleai and Garapan areas, while Precinct 5 covers Kagman.

Thomas Taimanao Atalig filed his candidacy as an independent last Friday for a Rota

## Shanshan intensifies but moves away

The tail end of Typhoon Shanshan brought scattered rains to the CNMI yesterday morning as it intensified but moved away from the Northern Islands.

Packing maximum sustained winds of 85 miles per hour, Shanshan was last seen moving north-northwest at



House seat.

In a statement shortly after filing his candidacy as a non-partisan bet last Thursday, Manibusan said he is prepared and ready to serve the people of the CNMI once again.

"I am humbled to have

served the people as the first elected attorney general," Manibusan said. "...There will be challenges in the years ahead, but with those come great opportunities to change outdated policies that undermine the public interest and

the rule of law."

Manibusan was elected in the November 2014 election, defeating Michael Evangelista. He was sworn in in January 2015 as the first elected AG in the CNMI. He used to serve as presiding judge

7mph, according to the U.S. National Weather Service in Guam.

As of 11am yesterday, the tropical storm warning earlier hoisted on Pagan, Agrihan, and Alamagan was no longer in effect.

NWS, however, cautioned

the people on Pagan, Agrihan, and Alamagan about rough sea conditions and gusty winds over the next few days.

As of 1pm yesterday, the center of Shanshan was located 330 miles north-northeast of Agrihan, 375 miles north-northeast of Pagan, 400 miles

north-northeast of Alamagan, 580 miles north of Saipan, and 705 miles north-northeast of Guam.

NWS said surf of 10 to 13 feet along north and west facing shores will gradually subside Sunday night and today, Monday. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## Babauta: Time to bring back trust in govt

By **JON PEREZ**  
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REPORTER

Former governor Juan N. Babauta said that restoring people's trust in government is one of the reasons why he and Dr. Rita A. Sablan decided to seek the Commonwealth's two highest positions in government.

"People are driven by many forces and reasons to seek public office. To some, the desire to serve is of the highest order," said Babauta in last Saturday's Democratic Party of the Northern Marianas' 2018 convention at Grandvrio Hotel's Fiesta Room.

Babauta is running for the third time with Sablan, a former CNMI Education commissioner, as his running mate. He was elected as the sixth governor and served from 2002 to 2006 but lost in his re-election bid to the Covenant Party's Benigno R. Fitial.

"It is a calling to serve for the greater good over self. Dr. Sablan and I recognize this but we also recognize that the desire to serve must come from the heart," added Babauta, who also ran for the CNMI delegate post against Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) in 2010.

Babauta said the events in the CNMI the last four years were the driving force behind



Former governor Juan N. Babauta and former education commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan file their candidacies for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, before Commonwealth Election Commission staff.

their decision. "To many in the CNMI, the last four years have once again cast a sinister vibe of government. ...It is not a government at its best. It has eroded the public confidence and cast a dark cloud over the integrity of many who are supposed to be in positions of trust. It is reminiscent of events that took place here in the CNMI not too long ago."

He said that workers have been exploited or even die at worksite with no one being held responsible, while they are also being unjustly compensated. "Workers are being silenced by flying them out in the CNMI in the middle of the night."

Babauta said a large portion

of the CNMI remain at poverty level or below. "...Wealth is in the hands of the few. This is not the CNMI that we envisioned when we became U.S. citizens in 1986."

"Our kids and future generations will inevitably ask all of us 'did you something about it?' We don't want them to tell us that we were complicit and that we were silent and that we did not do something about it. We want to do something about it."

He said that a lot of people want change every time he and Dr. Sablan visit the homes of common people. "Everywhere we went, we hear 'we want change.' So, on Nov. 6, the independents and Demo-

crats ask you to make that change a reality."

"...So we can move our Commonwealth forward to a better and more prosperous future," said Babauta, who also ran in 2014 against eventual winner, Eloy S. Inos.

Babauta added that making the government more transparent is also their purpose.

### In an alternate world

He also mentioned that problems—like 740 families on the wait list for housing assistance and 672 people on Saipan who are homeless—continue to exist.

"We have become tenants rather than landlords in our own land. The Salvation Army

Accompanied by family members and some supporters, Attorney General Edward Manibusan files his candidacy Thursday as a non-partisan for his re-election as AG before Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Julita Villagomez and CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol. Manibusan is the first elected AG in the CNMI. He won by a big margin of votes in 2014.

of the Superior Court from 1998 to 2003.

Santos filed his candidacy last Friday. He took over the Northern Islands mayor position in March 2017 when the then-mayor Francisco Jerome Kaipat Aldan died on Feb. 18, 2017.

As of Saturday, there were

59 total persons, mostly independent candidates, who filed their candidacies. The Republicans, led by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), are set to file their candidacies today, Monday, at 10am.

### Team Koka hands out school supplies on Tinian

Team Koka delivered school supplies to 50 school-age children on Tinian over the weekend. The school supplies included the basic needs such as notebooks, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, sharpeners, scissors, pencil cases, rulers, crayons, and colored pencils.

Special thanks go out to the donors, both monetary and in-kind, and volunteers who put the packages together and made sure the supplies are in the hands of the families over the weekend.

Upcoming events for Team Koka and VOICES of the CNMI Tinian Chapter are

"Ball for MD" in September (its third year so far), Tree of Angels (its second year) and fifth year for the annual GLOW Walk, Run or Wheel."

The Tree of Angels and GLOW Walk will be in December.

We sincerely appreciate the support from businesses and individuals in the past. We hope that you will open your hearts again this year and make these events possible for individuals with disabilities, as well as, the community of Tinian. For more information, email us at [teamkoka@gmail.com](mailto:teamkoka@gmail.com) or [monikahdiaz@gmail.com](mailto:monikahdiaz@gmail.com). **(PR)**

feeds people who are hungry and, according to their figures, that number is growing. Somebody up there on Mt. Olympus think that they are living in the land of Alice in Wonderland."

"Our graduates cannot find meaningful good-paying jobs. Prices of goods are out of reach of the common people. The government owes [the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.] between \$45 million to \$50 million. Yet when Tan Maria and Tun Jose miss paying their \$35 CUC bill they get disconnected and charged \$100 for reconnection."

He also cited that airlines have pulled out of the CNMI; crime and domestic violence are rising; the inmates at the Corrections sued the government for neglect, and healthcare is a big problem. "Health insurance deductibles are so high that the sick can not afford to pay even the deductible or the entire bill. Forty-five percent of people in the CNMI are uninsured."

"There's \$16 million of uncompensated care at the [Commonwealth Health Center]. These are poor people who are going to the hospital getting care, walking out not being able to pay for the healthcare they received."

### Vision for the CNMI

Babauta envisions universal healthcare, protecting the environment, helping young

entrepreneurs, and keeping education a centerpiece of economic development, and respecting ancient sites.

"These are some that we envision when we become part of the U.S. in 1986. We can talk about many other things but today, I just want to thank the Democrats of NMI for endorsing the Babauta-Sablan ticket and the rest of our partners."

He said that the Babauta-Sablan ticket salute the leadership of Democratic Party of the NMI chair Dan Quitugua and the Central Committee.

Delegate Sablan—who is seeking a sixth term as NMI delegate—former governor Dr. Carlos S. Camacho—the CNMI's first chief executive—former lieutenant governor Jesus Borja—who served under former governor Froilan Tenorio from 1994 to 1998—and former senators H.R. Guerrero and David Cing also endorsed the Babauta-Sablan ticket.

Glenn Manglona (Precinct 1) and Peter Muna (Precinct 5) are the only official candidates by the local Democratic Party, but it is also endorsing the candidacies of former Labor secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero, and former House Speaker Heinz Hofschneider (Senate), Rep. Edwin K. Propst, Samantha Birmingham-Babauta, Franklin Babauta (Precinct 1), and former representative Tina Sablan (Precinct 2).



# Business

## More states sue to stop online plans for 3D-printed guns

**SEATTLE** (AP)—More states are suing the Trump administration to dissolve a settlement it reached with a company that wants to post instructions online for making 3D-printed firearms that are hard to trace and detect.

Mostly Democratic attorneys general from 19 states, plus the District of Columbia, filed an amended complaint Friday asking a judge make it illegal to share plans on creating printable plastic weapons. One Republican — Colorado's attorney general — joined the lawsuit.

It comes days after U.S. District Judge Robert Lasnik blocked the plans from being released until Aug. 28. He has scheduled an Aug. 21 hearing on the states' request to reverse the U.S. State Department's agreement with Austin, Texas-based Defense Distributed.

The settlement jeopardizes states' ability to enforce gun laws, including background checks, and puts public safety at risk, the complaint said. The availability of plastic guns threatens safety in prisons and jails and makes air travel more susceptible to terrorist attacks,



A 3D-printed gun called the Liberator rests on a desk at Defense Distributed, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, in Austin, Texas.

AP

the states said.

"The states and the District of Columbia have a clear and reasonable fear that the proliferation of untraceable, undetectable weapons will enable convicted felons, domestic abusers, the mentally ill, and others who should not have

access to firearms to acquire and use them," Lasnik said in his temporary order Tuesday.

Defense Distributed owner Cody Wilson, a self-described "crypto-anarchist," has said "governments should live in fear of their citizenry." His company seeks to make guns

accessible to everyone, making "meaningful gun regulation impossible," according to the complaint.

Wilson's lawyer, Josh Blackman, told The Associated Press on Friday that they are "still considering our options" but did not elaborate.

He told the judge this week that the safety risks claimed by the states is "largely exaggerated" because many of the files are already online.

Washington state Assistant Attorney General Jeff Rupert acknowledged that some files are out there but hopes the court rulings will make it clear that any new posts violate federal law.

A group of gun-rights advocates called the Firearms Policy Coalition responded to the judge's order by creating a website with plans for various firearms, including "the Liberator," a 3D-printable single-

shot handgun.

"Our Constitution's First Amendment secures the right of all people to engage in truthful speech, including by sharing information contained in books, paintings, and files," the group said in a statement online. "Should any tyrants wish to chill or infringe the rights of the People, we would welcome the opportunity to defend freedom whenever, wherever, and however necessary."

Kris Brown, co-president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, a gun-control advocacy group, said the Firearms Policy Coalition's "reckless and dangerous behavior" isn't a constitutional position but "a publicity stunt that will lead to someone being hurt or killed."

Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson urged the federal government to enforce the court order prohibiting distribution of downloadable gun files.

The states suing are: Washington, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

## Crackdown on 'bots' sweeps up people who tweet often

**CHICAGO** (AP)—Nina Tomasieski logs on to Twitter before the sun rises. Seated at her dining room table with a nearby TV constantly tuned to Fox News, the 70-year-old grandmother spends up to 14 hours a day tweeting the praises of President Trump and his political allies, particularly those on the ballot this fall, and deriding their opponents.

She's part of a dedicated band of Trump supporters who tweet and retweet Keep America Great messages thousands of times a day.

"Time to walk away Dems and vote RED in the primaries," she declared in one of her voluminous tweets, adding, "Say NO to socialism & hate."

While her goal is simply to advance the agenda of a president she adores, she and her friends have been swept up in an expanded effort by Twitter and other social media companies to crack down on nefarious tactics used to meddle in the 2016 election.

And without meaning to, the tweeters have demonstrated the difficulty such crack-downs face — particularly when it comes to telling a political die-hard from a surreptitious computer robot.

Last week, Facebook said it had removed 32 fake accounts apparently created to manipulate U.S. politics — efforts

that may be linked to Russia.

Twitter and other sites also have targeted automated or robot-like accounts known as bots, which authorities say were used to cloak efforts by foreign governments and political bad actors in the 2016 elections.

But the screening has repeatedly and erroneously flagged Tomasieski and users like her.

Their accounts have been suspended or frozen for "suspicious" behavior — apparently because of the frequency and relentlessness of their messages. When they started tweeting support for a conservative lawmaker in the GOP primary for Illinois governor this spring, news stories warned that right-wing "propaganda bots" were trying to influence the election.

"Almost all of us are considered a bot," says Tomasieski, who lives in Tennessee but is tweeting for GOP candidates across the U.S.

Cynthia Smith has been locked out of her account and "shadow banned," meaning tweets aren't as visible to others, because of suspected "automated behavior."

"I'm a gal in Southern California," Smith said. "I am no bot."

The actions have drawn criticism from conservatives,

who have accused Twitter, Facebook and other companies of having a liberal bias and censorship. It also raises a question: Can the companies outsmart the ever-evolving tactics of U.S. adversaries if they can't be sure who's a robot and who's Nina?

"It's going to take a really long time, I think years, before Twitter and Facebook and other platforms are able to deal with a lot of these issues," said Timothy Carone, who teaches technology at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

The core problem is that people are coming up with new ways to use the platforms faster than the companies can manage them, he said.

Twitter did not respond to a request for comment. But the company has said it identified and challenged close to 10 million suspected bot or spam accounts in May, up from 3.2 million last September. It's also trying to weed out "trolls," or accounts that harass other users, pick fights or tweet material that's considered inflammatory.

Twitter acknowledges that there will be some "false positives."

"Our goal is to learn fast and make our processes and tools smarter," Twitter executives said in a blog post earlier this year.

## NRA sues New York officials over 'blacklisting' campaign

**ALBANY, N.Y.** (AP)—The National Rifle Association is suffering grave financial harm that threatens its ability to pursue its advocacy mission because of a "blacklisting" campaign by Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York regulators, the gun rights group said in a federal lawsuit.

In an amended version of a federal lawsuit filed in May, the Virginia-based NRA said it lost insurance coverage after the state's enforcement actions against companies underwriting an NRA-branded insurance program called Carry Guard. It said the Cuomo administration was persuading other insurers to avoid doing business with the NRA.

Without liability coverage, the NRA said it can't maintain its offices, operate educational programs or hold rallies and other political events.

The amended complaint was filed in late July in federal court in northern New York. It names the Democratic governor along with the state Department of Financial Services and its superintendent, Maria Vullo, as defendants.

Cuomo said late Friday the

state is filing a motion to dismiss the lawsuit. "New York will not be intimidated by the NRA's frivolous lawsuit to advance its dangerous gun-peddling agenda," he said.

Cuomo added, "If I could have put the NRA out of business, I would have done it 20 years ago."

The lawsuit said "back-channel communications" by the Cuomo administration "made it clear to banks and insurers that it is bad business in New York to do business with the NRA." As a result, it said multiple financial institutions have entered into consent orders that compel them to end longstanding business relationships with the NRA in New York and elsewhere.

"Absent injunctive relief, defendants' blacklisting campaign will continue to damage the NRA and its members, as well as endanger the free speech and association rights guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and the State of New York," the lawsuit said.

"The actions of defendants are a blatant attack on the First Amendment rights of our organization," William A. Brew-

er III, an attorney representing the NRA, said in a statement on Friday.

The lawsuit asks the court to have the Cuomo administration stop its practices against the NRA.

In addition to various communications between Vullo and financial institutions at Cuomo's direction, the lawsuit referenced an April 20 tweet by Cuomo: "The NRA is an extremist organization. I urge companies in New York state to revisit any ties they have to the NRA and consider their reputations, and responsibility to the public."

The lawsuit said, "Defendants' abuses will imminently deprive the NRA of basic bank-depository services, corporate insurance coverage, and other financial services essential to the NRA's corporate existence and its advocacy mission."

The motion to dismiss argues that the actions by the governor and Department of Financial Services were designed to protect New Yorkers and they don't harm the NRA's First Amendment rights or other constitutional protections, Cuomo said.



# Nation

## Brown asks Trump for wildfire aid as state battles 17 blazes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Gov. Jerry Brown on Saturday called on President Donald Trump to help California fight and recover from another devastating wildfire season.

Brown, who inspected neighborhoods wiped out by a wildfire in the Northern California city of Redding, said he was confident the president he has clashed with over immigration and pollution policies would send aid, which Trump did last year when California's wine country was hit hard.

"The president has been pretty good on helping us in disasters, so I'm hopeful," said Brown, a Democrat. "Tragedies bring people together."

Brown's call for help came shortly before authorities called on residents in Glenn and Colusa counties in Northern California to evacuate as a wildfire there continues to grow.

Cal Fire issued the evacuation order Saturday night for people who live in several parts of the counties, including an area just east of the boundary of Mendocino National Forest. The blaze, known as the Mendocino Complex fire, has grown to 357 square miles and is 32 percent contained, according to Cal Fire.

The National Weather Service forecasts hot and windy conditions to persist in Northern California.

There are 17 major fires burning throughout California, authorities said. In all,



Ventura County firefighters including Caleb Amico, foreground, watch as a helicopter makes a drop on a hot spot of a wildfire in Scotts Valley near Lakeport, Calif., Friday, Aug. 3, 2018.

they have destroyed hundreds of homes, killed eight people — including four firefighters — and shut down Yosemite National Park.

Hundreds of colleagues, family and friends attended a memorial service Saturday in Fresno for National Forest Service Capt. Brian Hughes, the Fresno Bee reported. Hughes was killed July 29 by a falling tree while fighting the wildfire that has closed Yosemite National Park at the

height of tourist season.

Firefighters have achieved 41 percent containment of that forest fire.

The fire had reached into remote areas of the country's third-oldest national park. Workers who live in Yosemite's popular Valley region were ordered to leave Friday because of inaccessible roads.

The biggest blazes continue to burn north of San Francisco, including twin wildfires fueled by dry vegetation and

hot, windy weather. Those fires destroyed 55 homes and forced thousands of residents to flee their neighborhoods about 100 miles (161 kilometers) north of the city. They have grown to a combined 300 square miles (648 kilometers).

The two fires have charred an area of the forested, rural area five times the size of San Francisco and were only 27 percent contained. Thousands of people remain evacuated.

The National Weather Ser-

ists "were terrible people." He went on a screed against illegal immigration and exaggerated the threat of violent gangs like MS-13. And he basked in cheers as the crowd chanted the campaign staple rallying cry, "Build the wall, build the wall."

And Trump touted his supporters as "forgotten no more," saying that they, and he, were the nation's true "elite."

"The elite. They're more elite than me? I am better everything than they have, including this," Trump said, pointing at his own head. "And I became president and they didn't. Meaning you became president. And it's driving them crazy."

Trump relished playing the role of Republican kingmaker, bragging how the GOP candidates he's opposed, like Rep. Mark Sanford of South Carolina, have lost. With Sanford, he mocked the time Sanford vanished to hike "the Tallahassee Trail," which was likely meant to be "the Appalachian Trail."

He also gave an onstage hug to Rep. Jim Jordan, who is under siege after allegations that, as an assistant wrestling coach at Ohio State University, he knew of alleged sexual abuse by a team doctor but did not report it. Jordan, who has denied the charge, has announced his plan to run for speaker of the House.

"Jim Jordan, how great is he?" Trump said. "What a great defender he's been, what courage. He's a brave, tough cookie."

Trump gave a full-throated endorsement to state Sen. Troy Balderson, who is facing Democrat Danny O'Connor, the Franklin County recorder, in Tuesday's special election to fill a vacant U.S. House seat. He touted Balderson's record on crime and immigration and claimed that O'Connor, if he won, would be a "puppet" of Nancy Pelosi, who stands to reclaim the title of speaker of the House if Democrats seize control of the body this fall.

fires or even sparks into racing walls of flames.

"This is a particularly dangerous situation with extremely low humidity and high winds. New fires will grow rapidly out of control, in some cases people may not be able to evacuate safely in time should a fire approach," the weather service said in its bulletin for the Mendocino area north of San Francisco.

Meteorologist Steve Anderson said temperatures will remain in the 90s in the region throughout the week with wind gusts reaching 25 mph (40 kph) during the day Sunday.

"It's not good firefighting weather," Anderson said.

More evacuations were ordered Saturday afternoon for an area of Mendocino and Lake counties where the week-old twin fires are threatening about 9,000 homes. The largest of the two fires was 50 percent contained.

The fire remained several miles from the evacuated communities along the eastern shore of Clear Lake, but "it looks like there's dicey weather on the way," California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokeswoman Jane LaBoa said.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Fights break out between groups of demonstrators at rally

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Small scuffles broke out Saturday as police in Portland, Oregon, deployed "flash bang" devices and other means to disperse hundreds of right-wing and self-described anti-fascist protesters. Four people were arrested during the protests, the Portland Police Bureau said in a statement Saturday night. Officers also seized "multiple weapons throughout the day," police said. A reporter for The Oregonian/OregonLive was bloodied when he was struck by a projectile. Eder Campuzano said later on Twitter he was "okay." Demonstrators aligned with Patriot Prayer and an affiliated group, the Proud Boys, gathered around mid-day in a riverfront park. Hundreds of demonstrators faced them from across the street, holding banners and signs with opposition messages such as "Alt right scum not welcome in Portland." Some chanted "Nazis go home." Officers stood in the middle of the four-lane boulevard, essentially forming a wall to keep the two sides separated.

#### Woman dies after pit bull mauls her in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—A 57-year-old woman has died in Chicago after being mauled by a pit bull. Police say the unidentified woman was attacked by a large pit bull dog around midday. When officers arrived on the scene, the dog charged police and the dog was shot dead. The woman was transported to University of Chicago hospital where she was pronounced dead. She suffered dog bites to her neck and throughout her body. Police are investigating and the owner of the dog has not yet been identified.

#### Man hit by motorcycle suffers critical injuries

CAMBRIDGE, Vt. (AP)—Vermont State Police say a 22-year-old man who was struck by a motorcycle has suffered critical injuries. Authorities say 68-year-old Jean Louis Mondou, of Quebec, Canada, lost control of his motorcycle while making a sharp left turn around 12:40 p.m. Saturday in Cambridge. He struck Pierre Chenel, who was walking along the side of the road. Chenel, of France, who is a student in Montreal, Quebec, suffered head injuries. He's in the hospital in critical but stable condition. Mondou suffered minor injuries. An investigation is continuing.

## Trump casts midterm elections as a personal referendum

LEWIS CENTER, Ohio (AP)—Embracing his breakneck return to campaign politics, President Donald Trump on Saturday argued that Republicans needed to control Congress by casting the midterms as a referendum on himself.

In a raucous rally in a sweltering gymnasium north of Columbus, Ohio, Trump pitched for the GOP candidate up in a special election next week and defiantly questioned the idea that, historically, the party that controls the White House suffers in the midterms, declaring "but I say why?"

"Why would there be a blue wave? I think it could be a red wave," Trump said of his party's prospects in November. "They want to take away what we've given. And we're doing a lot of things people don't even know about."

Though boisterous and bellicose, Trump steered clear of the trouble he stirred up the night before when he blasted one of Ohio's favorite sons,

LeBron James.

In a late-night tweet, Trump derided the intelligence of one of the nation's most prominent African-American men. The attack on James, who has been critical of Trump, came just as the NBA superstar opened up a school for underprivileged children. First lady Melania Trump, in a statement, distanced herself from the broadside, which resembled a racial dog whistle, and praised James' efforts.

But while he didn't mention the Akron native, he did invoke similar rhetoric while training fire on one of his new favorite targets, Democrat Rep. Maxine Waters of California. He tore into Waters, who is also black, and derided her as "an extremely low IQ person."

Flanked by signs that read "Promises Made" and "Promises Kept," Trump dished up plenty of red meat to the sweaty crowd.

He blasted the media as "fake news" and said journal-



# Asia

## Asian diplomats press N. Korea to deliver on anti-nuke vows

**SINGAPORE (AP)**—Asia's top diplomats pressed North Korea on Saturday to turn a pledge to completely dismantle its nuclear arsenal into reality amid concerns that it's proceeding with its programs.

North Korea's foreign minister, Ri Yong Ho, however, hit the United States in an Asian security forum in Singapore for certain "alarming" moves, including "raising its voice louder for maintaining the sanctions against" the North.

Those moves, Ri told fellow ministers, could make an agreement with the Trump administration, including the North's commitment to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, "face difficulties."

China and Southeast Asian nations also faced calls in the Singapore meetings to rapidly conclude an effective nonaggression pact that can help fend off possible clashes in the disputed South China Sea. Both sides have announced an agreement on an initial draft of a regional "code of conduct" that they regarded as a milestone after 16 years of sporadic talks.

Alarm over rising trade protectionism, which Asian governments warn could stymie economic growth, dominated



**AP**  
Singapore's Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan delivers his closing speech during a press conference, following the 51st ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting in Singapore, Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018.

not stopped its nuclear and missiles programs and continues to defy the sanctions resolutions.

The North was also violating sanctions by transferring coal at sea and flouting an arms embargo and financial sanctions, the report said.

Ri said that while North Korea has "initiated goodwill measures" including a "moratorium on the nuclear test and rocket launch test and dismantling of nuclear test ground," the U.S. has gone "back to the old, far from its leader's intention."

Ri made the remarks in a speech that came after U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who was at the same ASEAN conference, warned Russia, China and others against any violation of international sanctions that North Korea continues to face.

After agreeing on the text of the code of conduct in the disputed waters, senior Chinese and ASEAN diplomats will meet in Cambodia this month or in September, to be followed by another meeting in the Philippines, to start actual negotiations, a senior Southeast Asian diplomat said on condition of anonymity because of a lack of authority to discuss the issue publicly.

the meetings too, with Japan calling for the swift conclusion of a 16-nation Asian free trade agreement that does not include the United States.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano said the rapprochement between North Korea and the United

States, along with completion of a negotiating draft of the code of conduct for the South China Sea, are breakthroughs. But he added that "like any other breakthrough in diplomatic negotiations, they may lead to something great, they may lead to nothing."

"Now the hard work is really on the details," Cayetano told reporters before walking into daylong meetings between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and their partners the United States, China,

Japan and South Korea.

ASEAN foreign ministers, along with counterparts from China, Japan and South Korea, urged the U.S. and North Korea "as well as concerned parties to continue working towards the realization of lasting peace and stability on a denuclearized Korean Peninsula," according to a draft communique they were to issue after their meetings Saturday, which was seen by The Associated Press.

In the communique, they

would "note" — often a diplomatic subtlety for a reminder — the "stated commitment" of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the North's formal name, "to complete denuclearization and its pledge to refrain from further nuclear and missile tests during this period."

A summary of a new report by experts monitoring U.N. sanctions against North Korea, which was sent to the Security Council Friday night and obtained by the AP at the United Nations, said North Korea has

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Malala calls for rebuilding of schools torched in Pakistan

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan**

**(AP)**—Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai has called for the rebuilding of 11 schools torched by suspected Islamic extremists in northern Pakistan. No one was wounded in the attacks early Friday as the buildings were closed at the time. Police have yet to arrest any suspects, but local police chief Mohammad Ajmal said his forces were working with intelligence agencies and questioning individuals with links to militant groups. Yousafzai tweeted about the attack, saying "extremists have shown what frightens them most — a girl with a book." Yousafzai, 21, was shot and wounded by the Pakistani Taliban in 2012 for promoting girls' education. Imran Khan, who is expected to become the next prime minister after his party won the most seats in last month's elections, also condemned the attack on the schools and vowed to improve security once he takes office. Human Rights Watch, a New York-based advocacy group,

called on Pakistan to take urgent measures to make schools safer and to fairly prosecute those responsible for such attacks.

#### Reported med school discrimination sparks protests in Japan

**TOKYO**

**(AP)**—Japan's government urged a medical university to promptly disclose the results of an investigation into its admissions process after reports alleged it had altered the test scores of female applicants for years to deny them entry and ensure fewer women became doctors. The manipulation started at Tokyo Medical University after the share of successful female applicants reached 38 percent of the total in 2010, the Yomiuri newspaper reported Thursday, citing unidentified sources. Subsequent reports said the alterations might have started even earlier. Broadcaster NHK reported that the manipulation in some years had removed as much as 10 percent of women whose true scores merited acceptance, adding up to perhaps hundreds of denials for nearly a decade due to systematic discrimination.

## Thailand's rescued cave boys end stay at Buddhist temple

**MAE SAI, Thailand (AP)**—

With their heads bowed and wearing orange robes, the members of the boys' soccer team rescued from almost three weeks trapped in a cave in northern Thailand on Saturday completed their time as novice Buddhist monks.

About 300 people gathered for the ceremony on a rainy morning that saw the boys leave temple life to return to their families. Those present gave alms — flowers, food, money — as a gesture of their religious devotion.

The July 25 ordination of 11 boys of the Wild Boars soccer team along with the 25-year-old coach was especially dedicated to a former Thai navy SEAL, Saman Gunan, who died while diving during a volunteer mission to supply the cave with oxygen tanks essential to a successful rescue. A twelfth boy did not go through the religious ritual because he isn't Buddhist.

At the temple near Thai-

land's mountainous border with Myanmar, the boys and their coach sat barefooted in a large pavilion in their orange robes. The adults sitting behind them wore white.

With heads bowed, they prayed, fidgeted and occasionally yawned as monks chanted sacred texts. They then placed new monks' robes on a table in front of a large photo of Saman.

They afterward changed into white shirts and blue pants. Coach Ekapol "Ake" Chanthawong remained in his Buddhist robe, as he has committed to an extended period in the monkhood.

Although they will be giving up their Buddhist robes, it is likely that the boys will retain some of the solitude of temple life, as the government has discouraged for the time being any interviews with them, wielding the threat of legal action under child protection laws.

While there has been some criticism that the government wants to control the narrative

of the boys' ordeal to exploit for political purposes — Thailand's military rulers are seeking to booster their popularity ahead of a possible election next year — psychologists agree that the boys may be vulnerable to post-traumatic stress disorder. Both their physical and mental health has been judged fine.

According Dr. Paul Auerbach of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Stanford University's medical school, it's possible that they might suffer withdrawal or perhaps post-traumatic stress disorder, which is characterized by symptoms that include insomnia, nightmares, hypervigilance, low mood, difficulty concentrating on schoolwork, flashbacks and avoidance of situations similar to those that caused the original trauma.

"On the bright side, it is predictable that not all will be adversely affected — perhaps only about a third of them — and in those cases only a few

might require professional psychological or psychiatric intervention," he said, speaking before the rescue.

The boys and their coach entered the cave on June 23 for a quick, casual trek, but flooding quickly blocked the exit and they had to retreat deeper inside the cave. Heavy rains raised water levels further and thwarted the initial searches before two British divers on July 2 found the group huddled on a dry patch of ground, safe but hungry. They were extricated from the cave in an intricate operation involving an international team of divers over three days beginning July 8.

The epic event is being commemorated with construction of a museum, expected to open within six months, along with a statue of Saman.

Saman, who is considered a national hero, was cremated in a royally sponsored funeral and had his ashes scattered in the Mekong River.



# World

## Venezuela's Maduro: Drone attack was attempt to kill him

**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro dodged an apparent assassination attempt when drones armed with explosives detonated while he was delivering a speech to hundreds of soldiers being broadcast live on television, officials said.

Caught by surprise mid-speech, Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, looked up at the sky and winced Saturday after hearing the sound of an explosion pierce the air.

"This was an attempt to kill me," he said later in an impassioned retelling of the events. "Today they attempted to assassinate me."

Information Minister Jorge Rodriguez said the incident took place shortly after 5:30 p.m. as Maduro was celebrating the National Guard's 81st anniversary. The visibly shaken head of state said he saw a "flying device" that exploded before his eyes. He thought it might be a pyrotechnics display in honor of the event.

Within seconds, Maduro said he heard a second explosion and pandemonium ensued. Bodyguards escorted Maduro out of the event and television footage showed uniformed soldiers standing in formation quickly scattering from the scene.

He said the "far right" working in coordination with detractors in Bogota and Miami,



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, a uniformed official bleeds from the head following an incident during a speech by Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018.

provided no further details on how they had reached that conclusion.

A Colombian official with the president's office described Maduro's claims that Santos was involved in the attack as baseless.

Adding to the confusion, a little known group calling itself Soldiers in T-shirts claimed responsibility, saying it planned to fly two drones loaded with explosives at the president, but government soldiers shot them down before reaching its target. The Associated Press could not independently verify the authenticity of the message.

"We showed that they are vulnerable," the group said in a tweet. "It was not successful today, but it is just a matter of time."

The organization did not respond to a message from The Associated Press.

David Smilde, a senior fellow at the Washington Office on Latin America who has spent decades researching Venezuela, said the incident did not appear to be a staged attack by Maduro's government for political gain.

including Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, were responsible. Some of the "material authors" of the apparent attack have been detained.

"The investigation will get to the bottom of this," he said. "No matter who falls."

Venezuela's government routinely accuses opposition activists of plotting to attack and overthrow Maduro, a deep-

ly unpopular leader who was recently elected to a new term in office in a vote decried by dozens of nations. Maduro has steadily moved to concentrate power as the nation reels from a crippling economic crisis.

In the midst of near-daily protests last year, a rogue police officer flew a stolen helicopter over the capital and launched grenades at several

government buildings. Oscar Perez was later killed in a deadly gun battle after over six months on the lam.

Attorney General Tarek William Saab said the attempted assassination targeted not only Maduro, but rather the military's entire high command on stage with the president.

Prosecutors have already launched their investigation and obtained critical details from the suspects in custody,

said Saab, adding that he would give more details Monday.

"We are in the midst of a wave of civil war in Venezuela," Saab said.

Firefighters at the scene of the blast disputed the government's version of events. Three local authorities said there had been a gas tank explosion inside an apartment near Maduro's speech where smoke could be seen streaming out of a window. They

### Red alerts for Portugal, Spain amid smothering heat wave

**BARCELONA, Spain** (AP)—Residents and tourists in Portugal and Spain stayed in the shade or flocked to the beach Saturday as southern Europe sweltered in a heat wave that has produced near-record temperatures and threatens to stick around for days to come.

The extremely high temperatures, caused by an influx of hot air from Africa, were also carrying loads of dust from the Sahara Desert.

Portugal issued red health alerts for extreme heat for more than half the country on Saturday, with thermometers approaching 46 degrees Celsius (114.8 degrees Fahrenheit). The country's highest ever recorded temperature was 47.4 C (117.3 F) in 2003.

Spain also issued warnings of extreme heat for its southern areas, with temperatures expected to reach 45 C (113 F) in the cities of Seville, Huelva, Badajoz and Cordoba. Spain's all-time record of 46.9 C (116.42 F) was set in Cordoba in July 2017.

In southern Portugal, the town of Evora was almost at

a standstill Saturday as only a few foreign tourists dared to venture out to take photographs of the Roman ruins called Diana's Temple.

"Oh it's terrible," said tourist Paul Snell. "We're from Canada and never felt heat like this before. We're just drenched with water. Yeah, I need to hydrate constantly."

Francisca Serrano, a souvenir seller, added "we are used to high temperatures, but it seems the air doesn't flow and that makes it difficult to breathe."

Across the Iberian Peninsula in Barcelona, where the stifling air barely stirred during the night, Spaniards scurried to the beach with families and friends, along with swarms of sweating tourists.

Those who couldn't make it to the sea drank cold beverages under large umbrellas in city squares. Others doused their faces and necks in public water fountains, or simply pulled down the shutters and stayed at home.

Health officials issued reminders about the dangers that extreme heat can pose,

especially for the elderly and the young.

The rest of Spain, including the normally wet and temperate northwestern region of Galicia, was also punished by the sun and heat.

The heat wave hit Friday, breaking local temperature records at eight places in Portugal. It also played a part in the deaths of two men, one in Barcelona and the other in the southern Spanish region of Murcia, according to Spanish authorities.

The hot, dry conditions have led to several wildfires in Portugal.

Nearly 700 firefighters and 10 water-dumping aircraft are fighting the biggest outbreak, which has burned 1,000 hectares (2,470 acres) near the town of Monchique in the southern Algarve region.

"It's a very serious situation of extreme heat," Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa said.

The World Meteorological Organization says continental Europe's heat record is 48 C (118.4 F), set in Greece in 1977.

### Confirmed Ebola cases rise to 13 in Congo's latest outbreak

**KINSHASA, Congo** (AP)—The number of confirmed cases in Congo's new outbreak of the Ebola virus has risen to 13, including three deaths, the health ministry said late Saturday.

The World Health Organization has warned that this new outbreak of the deadly virus in North Kivu province poses a particular challenge as the region is a "war zone" with several active armed groups and thousands of displaced people.

The nearby city of Beni and heavily traveled borders with Uganda and Rwanda also complicate efforts to contain the disease, which is spread via contact with the bodily fluids of those infected, including the dead.

Congo announced the latest outbreak on Wednesday with four confirmed cases, a week after declaring the end to a previous outbreak in the northwest with 33 deaths.

It is not clear whether the new outbreak, more than 2,500 kilometers (1,553 miles) away, is related.

The ministry noted 30 probable Ebola cases in the new

outbreak and said another 33 suspected cases were under investigation, with laboratory testing underway. Overall 33 people have died, it said.

The swift vaccinations of more than 3,300 people helped in containing the previous outbreak, and WHO has said it hopes to know as early as Tuesday whether the Ebola strain in this new outbreak is the one for which the vaccine can be used.

The WHO emergencies director has said 3,000 vaccine doses are still in Congo's capital after being positioned there for the earlier outbreak. WHO can mobilize up to 300,000 more doses "at very short notice," Dr. Peter Salama said Friday. Congo's health ministry said vaccines would be moved from Kinshasa to Beni as soon as the "cold chain" to keep them at the optimal temperature of minus 70 degrees Celsius is reached.

Congo has dealt with Ebola for decades and this is its tenth outbreak of the virus. Ebola, first identified in the country in 1976, jumps to humans from animals including bats and

monkeys. There is no specific treatment, and the virus can be fatal in up to 90 percent of cases, depending on the strain.

WHO has said the "signal event" in the new outbreak was the death of a 65-year-old woman who had been admitted to the hospital in Mangina village. "She was buried, we believe, in an unsafe burial in terms of Ebola standards and seven deaths have occurred in her immediate family," Salama said.

Congo's health ministry said health officials also were looking at suspected cases in the neighboring province of Ituri to the north, which also shares a short stretch of border with South Sudan. The ministry said overall more than 875 contacts had been registered as teams try to track down anyone who might have been in touch with those infected.

With the region's armed groups in mind, the ministry said it was working with Congo's defense ministry and the U.N. peacekeeping mission on security for health workers and the community at large.



# Health & Wellness

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Turns out there's no need to wait 30 to 60 minutes after you eat to get back in the water.

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## Mayo Clinic minute: Should you wait 30 minutes to swim after eating?

It's advice parents have been giving their children for generations.

"When I was growing up, I remember my mother telling me, you know, not to go in the pool until it was 30 to 60 minutes after I had my last meal," says Dr. Michael Boniface, a Mayo Clinic emergency medicine physician.

He says the motherly advice had serious origins but may not be as helpful as once thought.

Boniface says he remembers the an-

tipication all kids experience waiting for those 30 to 60 minutes to pass before he could jump back in the water.

"The old feeling was that, after you eat, some of the blood may be diverted to your gut so that you can digest, diverting the bloodstream away from your arms and legs," he says. "And you may get tired or fatigued, and be more likely to drown."

But is this recommendation to wait based on fact or fiction?

"We know now that really there is

no scientific basis for that recommendation," Boniface says. "You may end up with some stomach cramping or a muscle cramp, but this is not a dangerous activity to routinely enjoy."

So, while it may not be the most comfortable thing to go for a swim with a full belly, the world won't end if you ignore your mom's advice—just this once—and don't wait 30 to 60 minutes after you eat to get back in the water. (*Mayo Clinic News Network*)

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**M**others lead the way for their children. And new research finds that the paths that moms walk (or the couches they sit and smoke on) make a powerful difference in their children's propensity to become obese.

A study that tracked close to 17,000 female nurses and their 24,289 kids has found that women who practiced five healthy habits—maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, eating a nutritious diet, consuming no more than moderate quantities of alcohol and not smoking cigarettes—had adolescents that were 75 percent less likely to be very overweight than the children of moms who practiced none of those healthy habits.

When kids followed their moms along that optimally healthy path, they were 82 percent less likely to be obese in adolescence than were the children who followed their mothers down a path including none of the healthy behaviors, the study found.

The new research was published this week in the journal BMJ.

Parents' genetic contributions to their offspring do influence a child's propensity to obesity. But the steep run-up in child obesity seen in the span of fewer than two generations can't possibly be explained by genes alone. Today, nearly 1 in 5 children between the ages of 6 and 19 is considered obese, a rate that's more than tripled since the 1970s.

Since nature can't be blamed, the authors of the new research went looking for the influence of nurture in driving child obesity. (And let's face it: When you think of nurture—or blame, for that matter—moms are No. 1.)

The new study parses out which healthy habits seem to contribute most to protecting teens from obesity.

Mom's own weight status appeared to exert an outsize influence on her kids' risk for obesity. The children of women whose body mass index falls in the "healthy weight" range were 56 percent less likely to be obese than were the offspring of either underweight or obese moms.

The children of mothers who don't smoke were 31 percent less likely to

be obese than were the children of moms who did smoke.

When mothers got 150 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous exercise a week, their kids were 21 percent less likely to be obese in adolescence than were the children of less active moms.

So few of the women who participated in the study were considered heavy drinkers that the authors could not compute the influence of high alcohol consumption on the obesity risks of their offspring. But they did find a small benefit to the children of women who were light or moderate drinkers over teetotalers. When mom consumed between one and seven servings per week, her kids' risk of obesity was between 11 percent and 20 percent lower, respectively.

However, the children of women whose diets scored in the top 40 percent of the federal government's healthy-eating guidelines were not less likely to be obese than were the children of women whose nutrition choices landed them in the remaining 60 percent. Given mothers' seemingly key role in preparing meals and modeling good nutrition habits, this

finding was a bit of a surprise.

That mom's dietary choices were not as influential as her other health-related choices may reflect a reality of modern-day childhood, the authors explained: Children's diets are influenced by many factors, including school lunches and the food options they encounter in their neighborhoods.

The new findings lend support to the idea that programs to reduce obesity in children need to look beyond the children themselves.

Recess and gym classes can be restored, school lunches can be improved and television advertising aimed at kids can be limited. But families are still early and powerful influences on children's preferences. And programs targeting families—and sometimes parents alone—appear to be effective in protecting children from obesity as they grow and their horizons expand.

The stakes are high: A 2017 study by researchers at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health calculated that 57 percent of today's kids are on track to become obese by the time they reach 35. Unless the inexorable rise in child obesity can be re-

versed, the study suggested, obesity will be the new normal.

And the struggle is especially acute for low-income families, for which child obesity is a growing problem. Food that is high in fat and calories and low in nutrition is cheap and ubiquitous, making it one of the few indulgences a parent struggling to make ends meet can afford to say "yes" to.

But even for imperfect role models, all is not lost. Toting up good habits where she can, a mom with a few flaws can make a difference in her children's obesity risk, the study authors noted.

Maybe, for instance, mom is obese and still smokes. When women maintained a healthy diet, exercised for 150 minutes or more per week, and drank between one and seven servings of alcohol per week, their kids' risk of being obese was 23 percent lower.

In short, any good habits matter, said Qi Sun, a Harvard professor of nutrition and senior author of the new study.

When it comes to lowering her kids' risk of obesity, he said, a mother's "overall healthy lifestyle really outweighs any individual healthy lifestyle factors."

## To reduce your risk of obesity, it helps to have a mom who follows 5 healthy habits

A study that tracked nearly 17,000 female nurses and their children found that women who practiced five healthy habits, including exercising regularly, had adolescents that were far less likely to be very overweight.

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## Life & Style

# 'Da Lounge Bar' to host wine tasting nights in Aug.



From left: IPI Grand Lobby Bar restaurant manager Kristoferson Cuaderes, IPI Group Marketing & Communications manager Henry Yap, IPI assistant director of beverage Eric Cheong, and bar manager Ryan Neil dela Cuerva show the wine selection available for Wine Indulgence—a wine tasting and appreciation night at the Da Lounge Bar at the Imperial Pacific Resort Saipan, happening every Friday for the whole month of August.

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Da Lounge Bar at the lobby of the Imperial Pacific Resort Saipan will be hosting a wine tasting and appreciation event every Friday, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, for the whole month of August.

Called "Wine Indulgence," guest can swirl, sip, and enjoy 10 to 15 kinds of wines for just \$25.

The wines that will be highlighted every Friday for tasting are a part of the Da Lounge Bar's menu, which carries 60 different kinds of wines from Italy, France, U.S.A., Argentina, Spain, Australia, and New Zealand.

The wide variety of wine—sparkling, rose', Breit, white, red—will be on deck every Friday, according to IPI food and beverage assistant director Eric Cheong.

"The idea is that you can taste everything and, when you pick out the wine that you like, you can order a glass or a bottle," said Cheong. "We have New World wines from Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina and Old World wines from Italy, Spain and France."

The wine tasting will be served with little bites or canapes to help clean the palate.

"Guests are sure to enjoy the wines that we have, from light to heavy body, because they are very rare as you can only get them outside the market of Saipan," he added.

Convincing beer drinkers to switch to wine is not really their intention, according to IPI Group & Marketing Communications manager Henry Yap. "We know that Saipan is a beer-drinking community. We are here not to educate but...to share the wide array of wines out there and this

opportunity will hopefully encourage people to try something different other than beer and whiskey," he said.

"We hope to do this not only for the month of August, so we will treat this as a trial run. If the response is overwhelming, we may continue this every month. We hope that a lot of people will support the idea of wine tasting as we have a lot of variety, so wine drinkers and even non-wine drinkers can try as many as they can," he added.

Guests need not be intimi-



Delicious crudites and canapes await guests at Wine Indulgence, happening every Friday for the whole month of August at the Da Lounge Bar at the Imperial Pacific Resort.

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dated when they go. They will be assisted by experienced and friendly wine servers like IPI Grand Lobby Bar manager Kristoferson Cuaderes. "We are happy to be here to serve the guests and assist them with our wine offerings. This wine tasting is a first here at the Da Lounge Bar and we are excited to present the rare wines," he said.

"Generally, to appreciate wine, you have to have a deep knowledge of its origin but we are here to help you appreciate the taste by giving you a background of where the wine

came from and the ingredients used. We also have a list and description of wines that

are served so guests can learn more about wine while appreciating its taste," he added.

## Is JFK's luster fading? Key memorabilia doesn't sell

**BOSTON (AP)**—Is JFK losing his star power?

It's probably too early to tell, but 55 years after President John F. Kennedy's assassination, an auction of some of the most iconic items associated with the Kennedy White House fell well short of the pre-sale hype.

A rocking chair JFK used to meet with world leaders in the Oval Office sold for \$50,000, and a collection of pens he used to establish the Peace Corps and sign a landmark nuclear treaty sold for \$60,000 at Friday's auction on Cape Cod, not far from the Kennedy compound in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

But a number of other intriguing items didn't sell, including Kennedy's last pencil doodles before his assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, and a tie clip in the shape of the PT-109 torpedo boat Kennedy commanded during World War II.

Other items that didn't get the minimum bid included a charcoal drawing done as a study for the slain president's official White House portrait; handwritten notes he jotted about Vietnam around 1953; his letter opener and crystal ashtray; and his personal stereo and Jackie Gleason records.

"About half of it sold," Josh Eldred, president of Eldred's auction gallery in East Dennis, told The Associ-

ated Press. Buyers' identities were not disclosed.

Even though the auction is over, buyers can still make offers, he said, adding that he's confident the best of the memorabilia eventually will sell.

JFK's worn, upholstered oak rocking chair had been expected to sell for up to \$70,000. JFK often was photographed sitting in it while meeting with world leaders. The former president's doctors urged him to use rockers to ease his chronic back pain.

The pens that sold were used not only to sign the Peace Corps into existence but the 1963 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty—an accord that helped steer the planet away from nuclear warfare a year after the Cuban Missile Crisis brought the U.S. and the Soviet Union to the brink.

A few oddball items also were sold Friday: JFK's prized if garish silk scarf, decorated with bronze Democrat donkeys and blue stars, and a creased and stained 1961 inaugural ball invitation that JFK sent to Frank Sinatra, each fetched \$800.

His doodles of sailboats sold for \$7,000. But his scribbles on Texas hotel stationery the day before the nation's 35th president was shot didn't sell.

"It may have been one of the last things he put on paper," auction house vice president Bill Bourne said. "In fact, it probably was."



Bar supervisor Hanzel Babas pour a glass of Pasqua Pinot Grigio, her recommendation for guests who like fresh and fruity tasting wine.

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## 2 injured at Gordon Ramsay's restaurant in Las Vegas

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Two patrons of chef Gordon Ramsay's newest restaurant on the Las Vegas Strip were taken to a hospital for treatment for injuries involving a drink.

Caesars Entertainment confirmed to The Associated

Press Friday that two people were injured at Ramsay's Hell's Kitchen Thursday.

The company would not specify the drink, but says it has been taken off the menu. The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports it was a flaming

tiki-style cocktail called Rum Donkey.

The online menu shows the ingredients are Cruzan Single Barrel Rum, falernum, brown sugar, ginger beer and torched passion fruit.

Clark County Fire Dep-

uty Chief Jon Klassen says the department transported two people to the hospital, but firefighters didn't have to extinguish any fire. He had no information on the extent of the customers' injuries or status.



# Patrick Stewart to reprise 'Star Trek' role in new series

## Random fundraisers could dine with Patrick Dempsey

**LEWISTON, Maine (AP)** — Actor Patrick Dempsey is offering to have dinner with five, randomly selected individuals who raise money for families affected by cancer.

The Sun Journal reports that those who raise more than \$1,000 by Sept. 1 for what's known as the Dempsey Challenge could be picked for the dinner.



Dempsey

Dempsey is the creator of the Dempsey Challenge bike-run-walk fundraiser that helps families affected by cancer.

Individuals who raise more than \$1,000 could receive multiple entries.

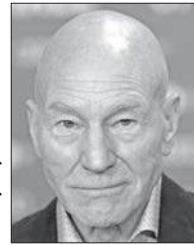
Dempsey was born in Maine and is best known for his previous long-running role in "Grey's Anatomy" and for 2016's "Bridget Jones's Baby."

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Patrick Stewart is boldly going where he's been before — "Star Trek."

CBS All Access said Saturday Stewart has been tapped to headline a new "Star Trek" series, reprising his "Star Trek: New Generation" character,

Captain Jean-Luc Picard.

The new series is not a "New Generation" reboot but will tell the story of the next chapter of Picard's life. No title or air date was re-



Stewart

vealed.

Stewart headlined his "Star Trek" series for seven seasons and portrayed Picard in the movies "Star Trek Generations" (1994), "Star Trek: First Contact"

(1996), "Star Trek: Insurrection" (1998) and "Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002).

In a statement, Stewart says he thought his "Star Trek" days "had run its natural course" so he considers it a delightful surprise to be playing Picard again.

## Russia names action-movie star Seagal as envoy for US

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia has appointed action movie star Steven Seagal as a special envoy for humanitarian ties with the United States.

The Foreign Ministry announced the move Saturday on its Facebook page, saying Seagal's portfolio in the un-

paid position would be to "facilitate relations between Russia and the United States in the humanitarian field, including cooperation in culture, arts, public and youth



Seagal

exchanges."

Seagal is an accomplished martial artist — like Russian President Vladimir Putin. The actor, who was granted Russian citizenship in 2016, has vocally defended

the Russian leader's policies, including Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea, and has criticized the U.S. government.

Last year, Ukraine banned Seagal from entering the country for five years, citing national security reasons.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Ai Weiwei says Chinese authorities raze his Beijing studio

**BEIJING (AP)** — Chinese artist Ai Weiwei says authorities have begun razing his Beijing studio. The frequent government critic says on his Instagram account the demolition began Friday without prior notice and posted videos of an excavator smashing the windows of his "Zuoyou" studio. The studio in the northeast Beijing suburbs has been Ai's primary work space since 2006, although his has mostly been based in Europe in recent years. It's unclear whether the demolition is targeting Ai. Beijing authorities have demolished large swaths of the suburbs in the past year in a building safety campaign, typically giving at least several days' notice. Ai, who has called attention to human rights violations and government corruption in China, was held for more than two months in 2011 on alleged tax evasion.

### Jessica Lange to return to 'American Horror Story'

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)** — Jessica Lange will return to "American Horror Story" in an episode directed by star Sarah Paulson during the show's upcoming season. Paulson revealed the news at a TV critics meeting on Friday, saying Lange will reprise her role as Constance Langdon. Lange was a four-time Emmy nominee for her work in the FX anthology series' first four seasons. She won Emmys in 2012 and 2014. The network announced that

"American Horror Story" has been renewed for a 10th season. The series had already been renewed for seasons eight and nine. Season eight, titled "Apocalypse," will be a crossover between the series' first and third seasons. It debuts on Sept. 12 and includes Paulson, Evan Peters and Kathy Bates. The series has earned 16 Emmys.

### Royal couple at friend's wedding on Meghan's 37th birthday

**LONDON (AP)** — Weeks after tying the knot themselves, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex were at another wedding Saturday — this time as guests. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle attended the wedding of the prince's long-time friend Charlie van Straubenzee to videographer Daisy Jenks. Van Straubenzee has known the prince since childhood and was an usher at Harry and Meghan's wedding at Windsor Castle in May. The prince, wearing a tailcoat and sunglasses, arrived with other groomsmen at the medieval church of St. Mary the Virgin in Frensham, 40 miles (64 kilometers) southwest of London. Meghan arrived separately, in a short-sleeved Club Monaco dress with blue top and multicolored skirt with a Philip Treacy hat. The former American actress waved to well-wishers outside the church on Saturday, which is also her 37th birthday. Harry and Meghan, holding hands, left together shortly after the hour-long ceremony ended.

## 'Tough guys' urged to audition for new Mark Wahlberg movie

**BOSTON (AP)** — Mark Wahlberg is looking for a few tough guys to appear in his latest movie.

Boston Casting says auditions will be held Saturday at its offices in the



Wahlberg

"real people" with "tough faces" to answer the call.

The company says it's looking for construction workers, blue collar workers, public works workers, "fishermen, mob guys, etc.," for speaking roles and on-camera extras.

It's not clear what film is involved, but "Wonderland" — a collaboration between Netflix, Wahlberg and "Patriots Day" director Peter Berg — is in the works.

It'll star Wahlberg as the Boston private investigator immortalized in ABC's 1980s television series "Spenser: For Hire."



### FIRST BIRTHDAY

France's first baby panda Yuan Meng celebrates his first birthday with a birthday cake composed of bamboo, honey, apples, oranges, strawberries and lemons, at the ZooParc de Beauval in Beauval, central France, Saturday Aug. 4, 2018. Yuan Meng weighs about 30 kilograms (66 pounds), has recently started eating bamboo and still suckles his mother Huan Huan's milk.

ZOOPARC DE BEAUVAL VIA AP

## Loyal worker is out of a job following knee replacement

**DEAR ABBY:** After 16 years of loyal and dedicated service to my employer, I find myself out of work. Months ago, I needed double knee replacements. I gave him three months' notice about my surgery, planning to return on June 1. It was a one-girl office; I was responsible for all the administrative duties.

When I called my employer, he said, "Sorry. No work," and hung up on me! I am 64 years old and jobless. I haven't written a resume in more than 20 years. How do I start rebuilding my life?

Life is not kind when you are over 50, and I never thought this day would come. I had intended to work until I was 70. I can't think straight, and am hurt beyond words that I was tossed to the curb after being a loyal and dedicated employee all these years.

DEEPLY HURT

**DEAR DEEPLY HURT:** You have my sympathy. For your boss to have kicked you while you were down is disgraceful. Run this scenario by an attorney who specializes in labor issues and ask if you have any recourse. Although you can't think straight right now, I assure you the lawyer will be able to advise you with a dispassionate eye.

And while you are at it, start constructing your resume.

**Although there may not be a job opening in the field you were working in, surely there is work for someone with a 16-year history of loyal service to one employer and the skills you have acquired and polished along the way.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My brother "Nick" was married for 17 years until he got caught cheating on his wife with her much-younger niece. He's 34; she's 20. They say they are in love.

Nick has come home to be near family because he has been a stay-at-home dad for the last four years and doesn't have the means to start over without help. (They lived 10 hours away.) The problem is, he has asked to stay with me, which would've been fine, but he's bringing along his new love. We all love Nick's wife, and they have three children together. To let his lover stay here with him feels like a betrayal of my sister-in-law.

Out of all the siblings, I have the most room (we are recent empty nesters), and I could swing it financially. I suppose I should just get over it and help because he's family, but I'm afraid my husband won't be so forgiving.

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

**DEAR CAUGHT:** It's difficult, but I'll refrain from commenting on your brother's morals or judgment.

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**Whether you should get into the middle of this mess because Nick is family isn't a question I can answer. And you won't know the answer until after you have discussed it with your husband.**

**P.S. I'm so mad I changed my mind about not being judgmental. It would be poetic justice if the niece met a handsome hunk her age and dumped your brother.**

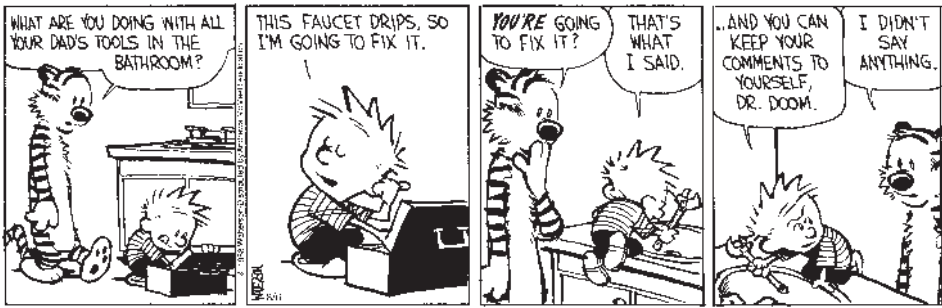
Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



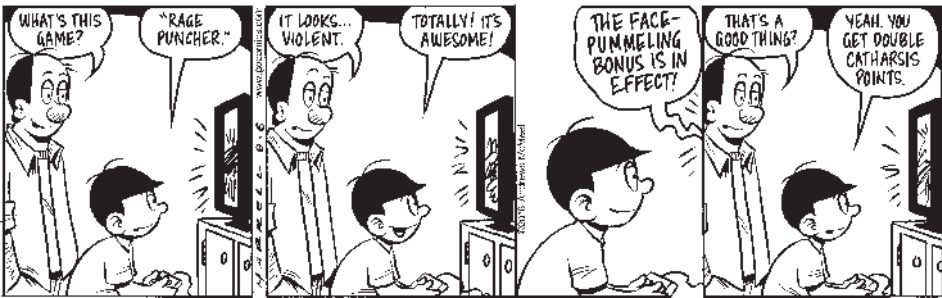
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Saturday's answer 8-6

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Vera Farmiga, 45; Geri Halliwell, 46; M. Night Shyamalan, 48; Michelle Yeoh, 56.

**Happy Birthday:** Keep a close watch on your spending habits and when dealing with important relationships this year. Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Use your creative imagination to negotiate better deals in both your personal and professional lives. How much you save and how you wheel and deal will determine how well you do in the upcoming years. Your numbers are 5, 13, 18, 26, 34, 37, 41.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't settle for less than what you want. Be willing to work hard until you are happy with the results you get. Put love, peace of mind and health at the top of your list. Stick to your principles. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't let what others do lure you into being a follower. You are better off maintaining stability in your life instead of incorporating greater uncertainty or chaos. A steady pace will help you gain respect and achieve your goal. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't hold back if you have something important to share. Being up-front about the way you feel will help you discover the best way to handle those around you. Knowing who you can count on will alleviate uncertainty. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Broaden your interests and your friendships. Fix up your place with the intent of entertaining friends or pleasing your lover. Personal improvements will make you feel good and contrib-

ute to bringing about positive changes and greater opportunities. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Simplicity is the key to a better life. Make your decisions based on facts and what you feel is realistic. Pacing yourself mentally, physically and financially will help you maintain stability and ensure you don't veer off track. \*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Look at the big picture and confront emotional situations with dignity and diplomacy. Give others the chance to share feelings; offer your take on the situation and the way you would handle such matters. Offer solutions, not criticism. \*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Participate in functions that excite you or that allow you to try something new. Put more energy into learning and bring about personal changes, and less into unrealistic demands someone is making. Be true to yourself and do your own thing. \*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Live and learn. Call on past experiences to help you find your way through an unusual situation. Expand your interests and develop a creative talent. Doing the things you enjoy most will help you change the negatives in your life to positives. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Make decisions that make sense with regard to partnerships that can change your life. Whether dealing with someone you love or work with, being on the same page will make a difference. Align yourself with people who complement you. \*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Personal growth and change will help you build a better environment for you to live or work in. Learn and exhibit the strength and courage to fight for what makes you feel comfortable and enables you to reach your goals. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Take hold of whatever situation you face. Handling problems that influence your relationships with others will be instrumental in helping you maintain control of your life and your future. Negotiate on your behalf. Romance and physical changes are favored. \*\*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Easy does it when dealing with personal matters. Getting along with friends, relatives and those you are emotionally involved with will be necessary if you want to avoid manipulative situations. Honesty will be essential if you want to resolve issues. \*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are charming, generous and fun-loving. You are talkative and dramatic. To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit [EugeniaLast.com](http://EugeniaLast.com), or join Eugenia on Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn.

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD By DAVID QUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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# Lewis urges togetherness and love in Hall of Fame speech

CANTON, Ohio (AP)—One of the great leaders football has seen, Ray Lewis used his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction speech to call for more enlightened leadership in the United States.

The last of the seven members of the class of 2018 on hand to be enshrined, Lewis eschewed notes and the lectern, instead strolling along the stage and passionately urging his listeners to come together.

"Are you living every day to make this world better?" Lewis asked Saturday night at the end of his 33-minute oratory, often invoking the teachings of Martin Luther King. "Think what we can do if we work together as a country ... teaching our nation to love each other again.

"It's how we react to the challenges in our life that shows our greatness. How do we execute that dream? Who will answer that knock on the door in the middle of the night? And it has to start right now. We need people willing to fight for what is good and what is right."

Turning to the 140 Hall of Famers on the stage, he told them: "We can go from being legends to building a legacy bigger than football, bigger than sports. Look at what unites us ... the answer is simple, love. Hope, faith and love, and the greatest is love."

Lewis was joined by Randy Moss, Brian Dawkins, Brian Urlacher, Jerry Kramer, Robert Brazile and Bobby Beathard as inductees at the hall ceremony.

One of the best linebackers in NFL history, Lewis won two Super Bowls with the Ravens; he often chanted "BALTIMORE!" during his speech.

"Tell me something can't be done is like pouring lighter fluid on an open flame," said Lewis, a two-time Defensive Player of the Year who won a second Super Bowl for the 2012 season — coming back from a torn triceps — then re-



Former Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis dances beside his bust as he delivers his induction speech at the Pro Football Hall of Fame Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, in Canton, Ohio.

hooked up with an elite quarterback, he caught a record 23 TD passes from Tom Brady in New England's perfect 2007 regular season.

Moss rubbed the face and top of his bust, then delivered a sermon worthy of any church or synagogue. He paid tribute to his family, to the fans of his five teams, and to his roots in West Virginia — he promised he would return to his hometown of Rand on Sunday to show off his gold jacket.

"To my gold jacket brothers, I vow I will wear it proudly," Moss said.

One of those Hall of Fame brothers, Terrell Owens, declined to attend. Instead, he held his own celebration at his college in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was shown in a video and his photo was hanging in Tom Benson Stadium. Otherwise, T.O. was MIA.

In a lengthy and humorous speech, Kramer brought the crowd back to the Lombardi Era. A senior committee nominee, Kramer became eligible in 1974 after 11 seasons with the Packers in which he won five NFL championships and two Super Bowls.

"It was an incredible experience to be with him and have him bring you along," he said about Lombardi, who gave him "approval and belief: powerful, powerful tools."

Kramer also spent some time placekicking for Green Bay. He made five All-Pro squads, the NFL's 50th Anniversary Team, NFL All-Decade Team of the 1960s and the Super Bowl Silver Anniversary Team.

Brazile, known as Dr. Doom when he played in all 147 games for the Houston Oilers in his 10-year NFL career, kissed his bust when it was unveiled. He spoke of how he and Walter Payton made history by being selected in the first-round of the same draft from a historically black college.

tired. He was the MVP of the 2001 title game.

"I came back, and boy did I come back," Lewis said. "When you walk off the last time with that thing, that Lombardi, it's a confirmation I am living proof of the impossible."

A first-year nominee, Lewis was selected 26th overall in the 1996 draft — what were other teams thinking? He wasn't even Baltimore's first choice: Jonathan Ogden was, and the big tackle made the Hall of Fame in 2013.

His impact was immediate, both on the field, in the locker room, and even in pregame introductions, when his "squirrel dance" fired up fans and teammates alike. He and Ogden even did a short version on the stage.

Lewis was the first player with 40 sacks and 30 interceptions in a career. An eight-time All-Pro and inside linebacker on the 2000s NFL All-Decade Team, he had a franchise-re-

cord 2,643 career tackles.

Dawkins also delivered a powerful speech and, as he promised, cried during it.

One of the hardest-hitting and most versatile safeties in NFL history, Dawkins stared at his bust and nodded his approval to the crowd.

"The majority of success I have had has come on the back end of pain," he said noting he had suicidal thoughts when he battled depression. "On the other side of it, all of a sudden I became better. There's a purpose for my pain.

"I have grown leaps and bounds because of the things I went through. For those going through this now, there is hope on the other side. Keep moving, keep pushing through."

Dawkins was the leader of an Eagles defense that made four straight NFC championship games and one Super Bowl. Voted to the 2000s NFL

All-Decade Team and a five-time All-Pro, Dawkins intercepted passes in 15 consecutive seasons and had 37 picks overall. He averaged

nearly 100 tackles a year and spotlighted his versatility as the first player in NFL history to get a sack, interception, fumble recovery and touchdown catch (on a screen pass) in a game, against Houston in 2002.

Urlacher became a record-28th Chicago Bear inducted into the hall. A first-year nominee who filled the tradition of great middle linebackers in the Windy City so brilliantly, Urlacher actually was a safety at New Mexico. Chicago selected him ninth overall in the 2000 draft and immediately converted him to linebacker. He spent two weeks in training camp on the outside, then was moved inside — for 13 spectacular seasons.

"I love everything about foot-

ball: the friendships, the coaches, the teachers, the challenges, the opportunity to excel. I loved going to work every day for 13 years," said the 2000 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and 2005 Defensive Player of the Year, a season in which Urlacher had 171 tackles.

The five-time All-Pro and member of the 2000s NFL All-Decade Team even did some work on special teams.

But it was in the heart of the defense where he shone.

"The most coveted position for a defensive player to play is middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears," said Urlacher, who had to hold back tears several times. "Just think about it. I hope over my 13 seasons I made you Bears fans proud."

Another first-year nominee, the 6-foot-4, 210-pound Moss brought the perfect combination of height, speed, soft hands and agility to Minnesota as the 21st overall draft pick in 1998 after a rocky college career. His 69 receptions, 17 for touchdowns, and 1,313 yards helped the Vikings go 15-1 and earned him Offensive Rookie of the Year honors.

That was just the start for the eccentric but always dynamic Moss. When he finally

## Grizzlies unveil new uniforms with FedEx as jersey sponsor

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Simply redesigning uniforms wasn't enough for the Memphis Grizzlies. They seized the opportunity to change so much more.

Everything from logos to color schemes to the way their court at FedExForum will have a new look this season, part of the team's most significant reimagining since 2004.

All that and the Grizzlies also added FedEx to the jersey as the team's corporate sponsor. The unveiling ceremonies Thursday night at FedExForum for the media and key fans even included a FedEx courier delivering packages containing the new jerseys.

"A month ago, we did this photo shoot (with the new uniforms), and I just loved them," said second-year forward Dillon Brooks, who along with guard Mike Conley, served as models in a video for the new uniforms. "I even tried to put one in my bag and take it home. But obviously, it came out."

As for Conley, often on the cutting edge of fashion, also gave the uniforms a nice review: "My professional opinion is I look great," he said drawing laughs from the crowd.

The uniforms are primarily darker blue and white, and the Grizzlies kept a baby blue known as Beale Street Blue "statement" uniform in the

mix. The team's grizzly bear logo adorns the side of the darker blue uniform shorts.

All of the uniforms have a blue collar representative of the team's grit-and-grind characteristics, a mentality the Grizzlies hope to resurrect this season.

Among other changes were logo characteristics, including outlining the main grizzly bear head logo in "steel gray" to accentuate the fierceness in the bear's eyes. The team's claw ball emblem was rotated where the three middle claws around the ball now form an M for Memphis.

The court now will feature planks going side-to-side rather than the length of the floor.

"We're a city that cuts

against the grain; we're going to have the only court in the NBA that cuts against the grain," said Jason Wexler, the Grizzlies president of business operations. "Every single court in the NBA runs goal to goal. We're going to run the opposite direction because that's what we do. Anytime we can make Memphis stand out, we make Memphis stand out."

Adding a partnership with FedEx, headquartered in Memphis, seemed natural, said David J. Bronczek, president and COO of FedEx Corp.

"When you have the FedExForum and you have the Grizzlies, it just makes sense to have FedEx (on the uniform)," Bronczek said.

## Hawks sign Alex Len, who spent last 5 years with Suns

ATLANTA (AP)—The Atlanta Hawks have signed center Alex Len.

The 7-foot-1 Ukrainian was the fifth overall pick in the 2013 draft by Phoenix, but he didn't make much of an impact in five years with the Suns. This past season, he averaged 8.5 points and 7.5 rebounds in 69 games,

including 13 starts.

Len's best showing with the Suns came in 2015-16, when he started 46 games while averaging 9.0 points and 7.6 rebounds.

The signing of Len gives the rebuilding Hawks additional depth at center with Dewayne Dedmon and Miles Plumlee.



# Red Sox beat Yankees again, 4-1



In Boston, Nathan Eovaldi pitched eight dominant innings and closer Craig Kimbrel held on during a shaky ninth to help host Boston beat second-place New York on Saturday for the third game in a row and expand its lead in the AL East to a season-high 8½ games.

One night after Rick Porcello threw an 86-pitch, one-hit complete game, Eovaldi shut out the Yankees on three hits in sending them to their season-high fourth straight loss.

Down to their last strike, the Yankees rallied against Kimbrel on back-to-back doubles by Giancarlo Stanton and Didi Gregorius. Two walks loaded the bases before Greg Bird hit a routine flyball for the final out.

J.D. Martinez hit his big-league-leading 33rd homer and Mitch Moreland also connected against Chance Adams, who made his debut in the majors.

The Red Sox, with the best record in baseball, go for a four-game sweep Sunday night with David Price scheduled to face Masahiro Tanaka.

## Cubs 5, Padres 4

In Chicago, Kyle Schwarber and Anthony Rizzo homered in a five-run second inning and the Chicago Cubs hung on from there to beat the San Diego Padres, 5-4, on Saturday.

Jason Heyward added three hits and an RBI for the NL Central leaders.

Former Dartmouth College ace Kyle Hendricks (8-9) allowed four runs on five hits in 5½ innings to win his second straight start. He struck out seven and walked none.

The Chicago bullpen backed Hendricks with 3½ hitless innings. Steve Cishek and Brandon Kintzler combined to retire seven straight batters, and Pedro Strop worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his seventh save.

Cubs pitcher Yu Darvish (triceps and elbow injuries) threw a 55-pitch bullpen on Saturday. He said he was pain-free and “very optimistic” about returning to the rotation this season. He has made just eight starts this season and last pitched on May 20.

## Reds 7, Nationals 1, 1st game Nationals 6, Reds 2, 2nd game

In Washington, Phillip Ervin hit a three-run homer, Brandon Dixon had a solo shot and Cincinnati snapped a three-game losing streak in the first game of a day-night doubleheader.

Anthony DeSclafani (5-3) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings.

In the second game, Nation-



als slugger Bryce Harper was forced to leave soon after being hit by a pitch, then Cincinnati star Joey Votto went wild when he got drilled as Washington won to split a doubleheader.

Harper was hit in the right kneecap in the sixth by a pitch from Austin Brice. Harper initially struggled to put any weight on his leg, but ultimately made his way to first base.

But Harper labored defensively chasing after a double by Mason Williams in the seventh and was immediately replaced in right field by Adam Eaton — Harper said he’s not sure if he’ll be able to play Sunday.

In the eighth, Votto was hit for the second time in the game and gestured at pitch Ryan Madson as he took first base. After being retired on a forceout at second to end the inning, Votto waved at Washington’s dugout, prompting plate umpire Andy Fletcher to warn both teams.

## White Sox 2, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Tim Anderson scored when Matt Duffy committed a throwing error on Leury Garcia’s two-strike bunt in the ninth inning, and the White Sox beat Tampa for their third straight win.

Anderson led off the ninth with a double off Yonny Chirinos (0-4). Garcia then bunted a 0-2 pitch toward third, and Duffy threw wildly toward first.

## Indians 3, Angels 0

In Cleveland, Corey Kluber pitched a three-hitter for his first shutout this season and new arrival Leonys Martin

homered again for Cleveland, leading the Indians over Los Angeles.

Kluber (14-6) matched zeros for five innings with Felix Pena (1-3), who carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning before Martin hit a leadoff homer. Martin has two homers in just three games since coming to Cleveland in a trade with Detroit.

## Mets 3, Braves 0

In New York, Kevin Gausman was outpitched in his Braves debut by a blossoming Zack Wheeler, and New York won to stop Atlanta’s five-game winning streak.

Rookie second baseman Jeff McNeil went 4 for 4, and Austin Jackson had an RBI infield single as the Mets halted a four-game skid. They improved to 4-11 against Atlanta this year and won for only the 10th time in their last 34 home games.

## Phillies 8, Marlins 3

In Philadelphia, Carlos Santana had three hits, including one of Philadelphia’s four homers, and Zach Eflin allowed three runs in eight strong innings to lead the Phillies over Miami.

Cesar Hernandez, Nick Williams and Asdrubal Cabrera also went deep for the Phillies, who won their fourth straight to move 1½ games ahead of Atlanta for first place in the NL East.

Justin Bour and Miguel Rojas homered for Miami, which has dropped five in a row and nine of 12.

## Brewers 8, Rockies 4

In Milwaukee, Travis Shaw hit a grand slam during Milwaukee’s six-run first inning, and the Brewers beat Colorado.

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Milwaukee won for the fourth time in six games stayed one back of NL Central-leading Chicago, which held on for a 5-4 win over San Diego. Rookie Freddy Peralta pitched six effective innings in his second win over Colorado this season.

## Twins 8, Kansas City 2

In Minneapolis, Max Kepler had three hits, including a two-run homer that put Minnesota ahead to stay, and Jose Berrios threw seven sharp innings to help the Twins beat Kansas City.

Eddie Rosario and Logan Morrison also homered as the Twins won their second straight against the Royals. Kepler went 3 for 3 with a walk and scored two runs.

## Rangers 3, Orioles 1

In Arlington, Texas, Joey Gallo and Rougned Odor both homered for the third straight game, Mike Minor worked an efficient seven innings and Texas beat Baltimore.

Gallo hit a scorching liner into the right field seats right after Adrian Beltre started the fourth by reaching on a throwing error by third baseman Renato Nunez.

His 29th homer of the season put the Rangers up 2-0 against Baltimore starter Dylan Bundy (7-10).

## Cardinals 8, Pirates 4

In Pittsburgh, Jedd Gyorko drove in three runs while Kolten Wong, just off the disabled list, and Yadier Molina both had three hits to lead St. Louis over Pittsburgh.

Gyorko hit a pair of doubles, including a tiebreaking one in the fifth inning. Wong was activated before the game after being out since July 22 with left knee inflammation.

## Astros 14, Dodgers 0

In Los Angeles, the Astros are doing more than just getting by without injured Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa.

Josh Reddick’s three-run homer highlighted Houston’s seven-run eighth, and the Astros routed the Dodgers 14-0 to hand Los Angeles its biggest shutout loss at home in 95 years Saturday night.

The only blight on the Astros’ night was starter Lance McCullers Jr. leaving after 60 pitches because of right elbow discomfort. He allowed two hits over four innings in his first start at Dodger Stadium since Game 7 of last year’s World Series, won by the Astros.

## Blue Jays 5, Mariners 1

In Seattle, The Seattle Mariners can’t seem to get their struggling bats back in a groove and end their freefall in the AL playoff picture.

Toronto’s Marco Estrada became the latest to leave Seattle’s batters baffled, using his mix of offspeed pitches to take a no-hitter into the seventh inning of the Blue Jays’ 5-1 win over the Mariners on Saturday night.

Estrada (5-8) was masterful with his changeup, keeping the Mariners guessing all night. He didn’t give up a hit until Mitch Haniger’s one-out double just inside third base in the seventh inning. It was just Seattle’s second baserunner after Nelson Cruz walked

AP  
Boston Red Sox’s Nathan Eovaldi reacts after striking out New York Yankees’ Gleyber Torres to retire the side during the seventh inning of a baseball game in Boston, Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018.

leading off the second inning.

Estrada was pulled after walking Ryon Healy to open the eighth inning, leaving to a standing ovation from the thousands of Toronto fans in attendance. Estrada struck out four and allowed one earned run when Healy scored on Chris Herrmann’s sacrifice fly.

## Diamondbacks 8, Giants 3

In Phoenix, the Arizona Diamondbacks are playing downhill baseball and moving up the standings.

Nick Ahmed homered twice and had four RBIs, Steven Souza Jr. drove in three more runs and the Diamondbacks jumped on the San Francisco Giants early for a 9-3 victory on Saturday night.

“Just momentum, you score first in the game — I don’t know what the percentages are — but you have much higher likelihood to win the game,” Ahmed said. “We just try to jump out, attack early and have been doing a good job of that lately.”

Souza hit a two-run triple and Ketel Marte hit a two-run homer off Andrew Suarez (4-7) in Arizona’s second-straight five-run first inning against the Giants. Arizona leads the majors with 92 first-inning runs and moved a game ahead of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West after winning for the third time in four games.

## Athletics 2, Tigers 1

In Oakland, Calif., Khris Davis hadn’t hit a home run in three days, an eternity for the Athletics slugger considering the roll he’s been on since the All-Star break.

Matt Chapman’s drought was a little longer but not by much.

The two went deep over a three-pitch span in the third inning, providing the offense in Oakland’s 2-1 win over the Detroit Tigers on Saturday night.

“He is a freak,” Chapman said of Davis. “People haven’t even seen what he’s fully capable of. He’s starting to hit for higher average. He’s come into his own. He’s just right in his prime years.”

Davis’ home run was his 30th and ninth since the All-Star break. He became the first A’s player with 30 or more in three consecutive seasons since Miguel Tejada did it from 2000-02.



# Trump rips LeBron James’ smarts hours before rally in Ohio

**BRIDGEWATER, N.J. (AP)**—Ahead of campaigning in Ohio on Saturday, President Donald Trump unleashed a withering attack on the state’s favorite son, savaging NBA star LeBron James in a late-night tweet that derided the intelligence of one of the nation’s most prominent African-American men.

Melania Trump’s spokeswoman quickly distanced the first lady from the criticism of James, saying in a statement Saturday afternoon that it appeared James was “working to do good things on behalf of our next generation” and that the first lady would be open to visiting his new school for at-risk children. The statement didn’t criticize the president.

Trump blasted James late Friday after an interview aired with CNN anchor Don Lemon in which he deemed Trump divisive. Although James has long been a Trump critic, calling the president “U bum” in a 2017 tweet, the tweet was Trump’s first attack on the player, who just opened up a school for underprivileged children in his hometown of Akron.

The tweet came hours before Trump traveled to Columbus, Ohio, for a rally north of town in support of the Republican in a special U.S. House election on Tuesday. Once in Ohio, however, Trump stayed away from the controversy and never mentioned James as he hammered away at Democrats and other favorite targets.

“Lebron James was just interviewed by the dumbest man on television, Don Lemon,” Trump posted. “He made Lebron



look smart, which isn’t easy to do.”

Trump then, unexpectedly, appeared to weigh in on the growing debate over who is the greatest NBA player of all time, James or Michael Jordan, by writing “I like Mike!”

Many former and current professional athletes, including Jordan, jumped to James’ defense.

“I support LeBron James. He’s doing an amazing job for his community,” Jordan said in a statement to The Associated Press through his representative via text Saturday.

Trump has long denounced the media — CNN in particular — and rarely lets a slight go unnoticed. But the attack on James, who was being in-

terviewed by another black man, to some resembled a racial dog whistle. He routinely deems Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters of California, who is also black, as “low IQ” — an insult he repeated during the Ohio rally Saturday night.

Ohio Gov. Josh Kasich, a Republican who at times criticizes Trump, tweeted: “Rather than criticizing @KingJames, we should be celebrating him for his charity work and efforts to help kids.”

Trump has repeatedly been questioned about his views on race, from deeming many Mexican immigrants “rapists” during his campaign kickoff speech for the Republican presidential nomination to

placing blame on “both sides” for the violent clash between white supremacists and counterprotesters in Charlottesville, Virginia, a year ago.

James, who campaigned for Trump’s opponent, Democrat Hillary Clinton, and has not been shy about using his celebrity for social causes, did the interview from the public school he opened, called the “I Promise” school. Every student receives free tuition, as well as free food, a uniform and even a free bike.

In the interview, James said he “would never sit across” from Trump, though he would talk to former President Barack Obama. James’ publicist declined to respond to Trump’s

the most runs scored. He has collected 29 so far, just ahead by one over A.J. Lizama and Nakamura. At close third with 27 are Brian Camacho and Lorenzo Sebaklim, followed by Diego Camacho and Kiku Lizama with 24 each and Ton Tenorio, Jerald Cabrera, and Secharmidal with 23 apiece.

Leaders in other divisions will be reported in *Saipan Tribune’s* Tuesday edition.

The CNMI marched into the thrilling finale yesterday after earning 3-1-1 win-draw-loss record in the elimination round and placing second behind Chelsea (3-2-0).

Chelsea FC had a slight edge in the one-game finals because of its unbeaten record, but the Teen Ayuyus proved they are no pushovers, as they forced the former to a draw in their elimination round last Friday afternoon.

The CNMI engaged Chelsea FC to a scoreless draw to secure a finals berth. The match against Chelsea FC

<sup>AP</sup>  
In this July 30, 2018 file photo LeBron James listens to a question at a news conference after the opening ceremony for the I Promise School in Akron, Ohio. President Donald Trump is turning his wrath on the basketball superstar.

tweet, but early Saturday afternoon, James retweeted a post from the “I Promise” school and said: “Let’s get it kids!! Love you guys.”

Lemon responded to the president, invoking both the administration’s forced-family-separations policy and Mrs. Trump’s social media etiquette campaign.

“Who’s the real dummy? A man who puts kids in classrooms or one who puts kids in cages? #BeBest” Lemon tweeted.

James played for over a decade — and in two stints — with the Cleveland Cavaliers and delivered a title to the championship-starved region in 2016. Although he departed for the Los Angeles Lakers earlier this summer, the superstar remains very popular in the Buckeye State, and Trump’s attack could be a gift for the Democrat in Tuesday’s special congressional race.

“I don’t have to tell (asterisk)anyone(asterisk) what LeBron James means to Ohio,” tweeted Democrat Danny O’Connor, who was running against state Sen. Troy Balderson.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request to clarify Trump’s remarks. But even some Trump allies chided him.

Club’s Kristopher Pascual, spending summer by coaching young children was worth it.

“Instead of doing nothing at home or just playing video games, it’s way much better to come out here and teach the kids and encourage them to be active,” the MPU goalie said.

At the conclusion of the camp, each participants received certificate of participation and loot bags from SSS and its sponsors.

Meanwhile, SSS would like to thank the volunteer-coaches, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and the Public School System’s Food and Nutrition Services Program for their support to the camp.

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league suspended its games.

Meanwhile, three players from GSM, which led the first round along with the Bears after holding similar 8-1 marks, made it to the Top 20 of the batting leaderboard.

Jerome Delos Santos and Franco Nakamura are ranked No. 13 and 14 after aver-

aging .412 (21-for-51) and .408 (31-for-76), while Pat Alepuyo went 21-for-55 for an average of .382 and to take the No. 16 spot.

Titanium also had three players barging into the Top 20 with the No. 12 Brian Camacho recording batting average of .414 (29-for-70), No. 17 Jerald Cabrera registering .371 (23-for-62), and No. 18 Joe Palacios logging .368 (25-

for-68). Completing the group are No. 6 and Bears’ Kiku Lizama (.421/24-for-57); No. 10 and Mariners’ Ton Tenorio (.400/22-for-55); No. 19 and Bears’ Virgil Secharmidal (.356/26-for-73); and No. 20 Ballistics’ Ricky Joe Riungel (.356/21-for-59). The Top 20 batting leaders were based on 50 or more times at bat.

In other individual statistics, Jones leads a tight battle for

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defensive stop in the shootout, while the Chelsea player fell down on his knees and covered his face with his jersey in frustration as they suffered their lone defeat in the tournament. With Mindanao’s save, the Teen Ayuyus did not have to attempt for the fifth time in the shootout, which started with Chelsea missing the first shot and followed by Thaiph Austria’s conversion that put CNMI in the lead.

Rintaro Miyawaki, Mark Esalan, and Sebastien Manabat

also hit their mark, while Chelsea countered with only two goals, allowing the Teen Ayuyus to rule the six-team competition.

Esalan also delivered in regulation after slipping past his defender and handing the CNMI its first goal in the 19th minute. Chelsea equalized a minute later off a free kick, before the Teen Ayuyus got the upper hand back off Rintaro Miyawaki’s shot from John Michael Rojas’ corner kick.

Chelsea then forced another tie and got one more goal, while the CNMI was awarded an own goal from the error of

the opposing team’s goalie for the third standoff in the finals.

With the title match in a deadlock, the finalists had to go through the shootout where the Teen Ayuyus showed accuracy on offense and Mindanao displaying poise on the defensive end.

The Michiteru Mitacoached team was handed the Tuloy XO Cup after the exciting title game and on top of winning the inaugural tournament, two of the CNMI players were also recognized at the awards ceremony. Esalan was named MVP, while Miyawaki got the Golden Boot award.

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her first when she was just 5.

“I love to join to camp because I get to play with kids of my age and have fun with them. I also get to know new friends,” Angeles said.

While Angeles has been a regular in the camp, Maliya Benson was a first-timer and was glad to have joined this year’s event.

“I had so much fun, especially when we play games. I enjoyed every bit of my time here,” Benson said.

Players from various soccer clubs assisted SSS in working with the participants, making it easier for organizers to facilitate the camp.

“I worked with the kids for a few weeks and it’s nice to see them learn the techniques we taught them,” said Vicente Reyes, who plays goalie for Kanoa Football Club.

Reyes’ teammate Jim Kurt Maniago also lent his time to SSS to coach the participants and remembered how he was just like them.

“When I was at their game, I was also excited to play and learn. It’s so fun to coach them and share with them what I have learned from my former coaches,” Maniago said.

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## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	78	34	.696	—
New York	68	41	.624	8½
Tampa Bay	56	55	.505	21½
Toronto	51	59	.464	26
Baltimore	33	78	.297	44½

#### Central Division

Cleveland	60	49	.550	—
Minnesota	51	58	.468	9
Detroit	47	64	.423	14
Chicago	40	70	.364	20½
Kansas City	34	76	.309	26½

#### West Division

Houston	71	41	.634	—
Oakland	66	46	.589	5
Seattle	63	48	.568	7½
Los Angeles	55	57	.491	16
Texas	49	63	.438	22

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Philadelphia	62	48	.564	—
Atlanta	59	48	.551	1½
Washington	56	54	.509	6
New York	45	63	.417	16
Miami	46	66	.411	17

#### Central Division

Chicago	64	46	.582	—
Milwaukee	65	49	.570	1
Pittsburgh	57	54	.514	7½
St. Louis	57	54	.514	7½
Cincinnati	49	62	.441	15½

#### West Division

Arizona	62	50	.554	—
Los Angeles	61	51	.545	1
Colorado	58	52	.527	3
San Francisco	56	56	.500	6
San Diego	43	70	.381	19½

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# 2018 Saipan Soccer School Summer Camp

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Takeru Jim kicks the ball during a scrimmage last Friday at the conclusion of the 2018 Saipan Soccer School Summer Camp at the TSL Sports Complex.



Volunteer coach Markus Toves of Kanoa Football Club leads camp participants to their seats after a game.



A camp participant from the yellow team dribbles in front of his defender.



Volunteer coach Krizel Tuazon gives props to a camp participant.



Players get ready for the next play.



Parents of camp participants watch the game at the artificial turf.



A goalie throws the ball after a save.



Matty Angeles tries to control possession.





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# CNMI rules Tuloy XO Cup

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The CNMI Boys U16 National Team was right on the money in the penalty shootout as it beat Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong in the finals of the Inaugural Tuloy XO Cup in the Philippines yesterday.



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The Chalan Kanoa Bears' A.J. Lizama, seen here getting ready at-bat, is poised to win the batting title in the 2018 Saipan Baseball League.

## AJ Lizama zeroes in on batting title

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The Chalan Kanoa Bears' A.J. Lizama is likely to win the batting race in the 2018 Saipan Baseball League as he is way ahead of the field with just a few more games left in the regular season.

Lizama, who suited up for the CNMI National Team that competed in the 9th Micronesian Games in Yap last month, hit 40-for-74 at bat in 16 games for an average of .541. He is the lone batter to average at least .500, as the second-running Ben Jones of the Aces and the latter's teammate Henry Lizama posted .464 after going 26-for-56 before the league took a break last month to give way to the Micro Games.

The 10-team league will resume tonight and with Jones'

Aces (10-6) having only two games remaining (against the Mariners on Aug. 9 and versus the Falcons on Aug. 14) in the double-round robin elimination and the Bears (15-1) with one left (against Indians on Aug. 7), A.J. seemed a lock to clinch the batting title. The Bears, actually should have two matches left, but they will only play one, as their second round meeting against the Ballistics is a guaranteed victory, as the latter have forfeited two games earlier and would not be allowed to play anymore as per tournament rule.

Joining A.J., Henry, and Jones in the Top 5 are the Mariners' Shane Yamada and Patrick Tenorio, who earned batting averages of .460 and .453, respectively, when the

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LADYVIR CANAPE

The CNMI Boys U16 Team player and officials proudly pose with their medals and trophy after winning the Inaugural Tuloy XO Cup following a 4-2 victory over Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong in the finals yesterday in Alabang, Philippines.

The Teen Ayuyus earned a 4-2 victory in the shootout, capping the upset over the No. 1 ranked Chelsea with a big save from goalie Jona-

than Mindanao. The CNMI goalkeeper caught a shot from Chelsea's last shooter—a lefty who went for a



straight shot to Mindanao's right with the latter anticipating it, as he timely moved sideways and got the ball us-

ing his two hands.

Pandemonium broke and Mindanao was mobbed by his teammates after his second

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## Saipan Soccer School concludes summer camp

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The 2018 Saipan Soccer School Summer Camp wrapped up last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex with around 70 completing the nearly month-long event.

The camp, which started last July 9 and attended by boys and girls in the 4 to 13 age group, had participants learning individual soccer skills and team plays, doing warm-up and stretching drills, and playing fun games.

"From Monday to Thursday, we did drills to teach them soccer skills and have them mingle with their co-campers. Fridays were reserved for scrimmages by age group so they can apply what they have learned from

our previous sessions," SSS coach Cristy Villaflor said.

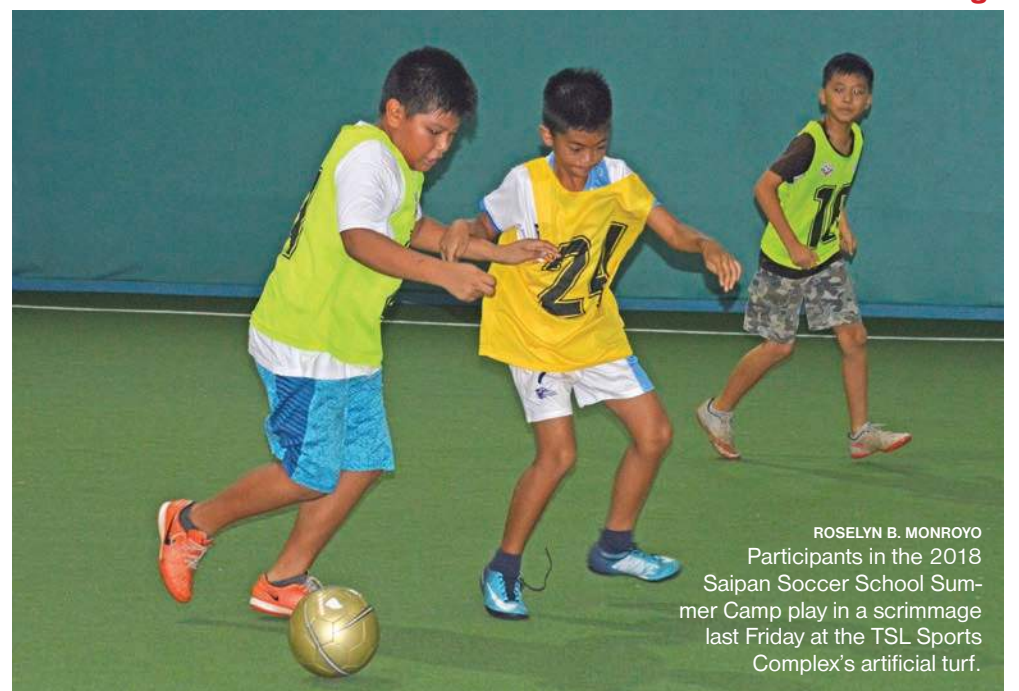
"We averaged between 60

and 70 campers every day," she added.

Matty Angeles was among

the participants in the camp and a repeat customer, as she had

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Participants in the 2018 Saipan Soccer School Summer Camp play in a scrimmage last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex's artificial turf.